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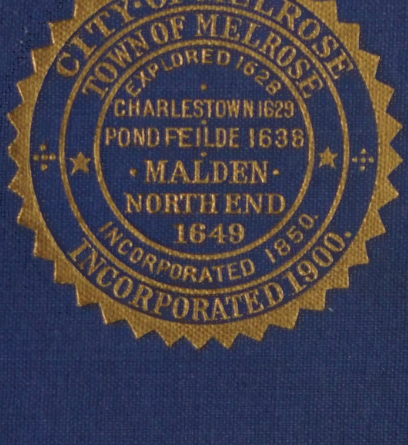

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GOVERNMENT

OF THE

City of Melrose, 1943

Mayor

CARL A. RAYMOND
48 Batchelder Street

President of the Board of Aldermen

WALTER W. BRUCE
260 W. Wyoming Avenue

City Clerk

RAYMOND H. GREENLAW
38 Laurel Street

Aldermen-at-Large

Herman A. Black, 68 Wentworth Road
Geoffrey G. Felt, 18 Greystone Road
Benjamin F. Felt, 37 Elm Street
(Elected as military substitute to fill vacancy caused by entry of Geoffrey G. Felt into armed forces.)
Walter W. Bruce, 260 W. Wyoming Avenue
Chester M. Cummings, 152 Beech Avenue

Ward Aldermen

1. George Barner, 1139 Franklin Street
2. Allen L. Giles, 62 Lovell Road
3. Herbert M. Davis, 195 Florence Street
4. Theron M. Hatch, 97 Ardsmoor Road
5. Warren E. Taylor, 18 Adams Street
6. Stanley G. Bunker, 159 First Street
7. Joseph I. Meharg, 495 Swain's Pond Avenue

Committees of the Board of Aldermen

Appropriations

Alderman Stanley G. Bunker, Chairman;
Aldermen Black, Davis, Giles, Cummings,
Taylor, Meharg, Felt, Hatch and Barner

Education, Health and Public Welfare

Alderman Theron M. Hatch, Chairman;
Aldermen Cummings, Black, Barner and Felt

Financial and Legal Matters

Alderman Geoffrey G. Felt, Chairman;
Aldermen Hatch, Davis, Bunker, Meharg

Highways

Alderman Allen L. Giles, Chairman;
Aldermen Davis, Meharg, Barner, Taylor

Protection and License and Public Service

Alderman Warren E. Taylor, Chairman;
Aldermen Bunker, Black, Cummings and
Giles

Clerk of Committees

Wesley H. Murray 12 West Wyoming Avenue

CITY OFFICERS AND OFFICE HOURS

The offices hereinafter named shall be open to the public for the transaction of business from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. daily except Saturdays, Sundays and Legal Holdays, viz. the offices of the City Clerk, City Collector, Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, City Treasurer and City Auditor; and on Saturdays the said offices shall be open as aforesaid from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, except when a legal holiday falls on a Saturday. The aforesaid offices shall be open on the first and third Mondays of every month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and all other Monday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. except during the months of July and August. (Chapter 33, Section 10, of the Revised Ordinances.)

City Clerk
Raymond H. Greenlaw

Assistant City Clerk
E. Maude Brown

City Treasurer and Collector
S. Homer Buttrick

City Auditor
Edward J. Donovan

Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works
Glen S. Weeks

City Solicitor
Harry E. Cryan

Mayor's Secretary
Blanche E. Nickerson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief
Sidney C. Field

Deputy Chief
Office Vacant

Fire Warden
Sidney C. Field

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Captain
Louis B. Heaton

Lieutenant
William T. Fahy

Building Commissioner
Malcolm G. Fillmore

Inspector of Plumbing
Fred A. Young

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering
Cornelius Thibeault, V.S.

Inspector of Milk and Vinegar
Harold R. Munro

Sealer of Weights and Measures
Wesley H. Murray

Burial Agent and Agent for State and Military Aid and Soldiers' Relief

Dr. H. Leslie Trickey

Assessors

Norman D. MacDonald, Chairman	Term expires 1945
Frederick W. Patten	" " 1944
Frank J. Sherman	" " 1946

Lawrence E. Lovejoy, Executive Clerk

Inspector of Wires

Fred A. Edwards

Board of Health

Dr. Albert E. Small, Chairman	Term expires 1945
Dr. Walter H. Flanders	Term expires 1946
Howard O. Milton	Holdover

City Physician

Dr. Frederick A. Dunham

School Physicians

Dr. Frederick A. Dunham
Dr. Jackson Flanders
Dr. Walter H. Flanders

Board of Public Welfare

Roy M. Cushman, Chairman	Term expires 1946
Helen S. Campbell	Term expires 1945
Harry E. Dearborn	Term expires 1945
Alice M. Fay	Term expires 1946
John W. Huse	Term expires 1944

Gertrude M. Bryan, Superintendent

Park Commission

John R. Davis, Chairman	Term Expires	1943
Robert D. Culver	" "	1945
Warren R. Kershaw	" "	1946
Walter C. Verge	" "	1947
Roscoe C. Wallace	" "	1944

George W. Rogers, Superintendent

Board of Appeal

George H. Varney, Chairman	Term expires	1944
Lewis C. Hennigar	" "	1946
William H. Jones	" "	1946
Edward F. Page	" "	1947
George E. Thompson	" "	1947

Edwin H. King, Clerk

Superintendent of Schools

Herman H. Stuart

School Committee Members

Benning L. Wentworth, Chairman	Term expires	1944
Anna C. Washburn, Corr. Secy.	" "	1944
Charles H. Adams	" "	1946
Warren L. Adams	" "	1944
Matthew M. Cox	" "	1946
Ralph D. Leonard	" "	1946
Kenneth L. Maclachlan	" "	1944
Edward J. Wall	" "	1946
Lester N. Woodland	" "	1944

Trustees of Memorial Building

Leon H. Palmer, Chairman	Term expires	1945
Leslie B. Ellis	" "	1945
Louis K. McNally	" "	1946
Charles L. Robinson	" "	1946
Leon B. Smith	" "	1944

Trustees of Public Library

Frank W. Campbell, Chairman	Term	Expires	1944
William L. Carney	"	"	1946
Carita H. Lovejoy	"	"	1944
Hugh Nixon	"	"	1945
Myrtie F. Seaverns	"	"	1946
Dr. Willis M. Townsend	"	"	1945

Elsie M. Hatch, Librarian

Cemetery Committee

William J. McClintock, Chairman

Joseph Casey — Arthur D. King

Howard D. Milton, Superintendent

Inspector of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves

Roscoe C. Wallace

Registrars of Voters

Edward J. Murphy, Chairman	Term	expires	1944
Fergus W. Griffin	"	"	1946
Charles E. Holt	"	"	1945
Raymond H. Greenlaw, City Clerk			Ex-officio

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Ruth M. Barry
Gladys U. Bragdon
Walter B. Copeland
Helen M. Goodwin
Barbara H. Gove
Lillian M. Gross
Mary T. Harney
Harriet C. Holdich
M. Gertrude Kelliher
Elisabeth C. Miller
Lurina C. Murphy
Laura vK. Pack

Dog Officer

Louis B. Heaton

Planning Board

Edward P. Wells, Chairman	Term expires 1948
Lucy M. Steer, Secretary	" " 1944
William L. Bailey	" " 1948
Edward M. Laskey	" " 1946
Kenneth G. MacQuarrie	" " 1946
Roger G. Rand	" " 1945
Edward F. Riley	" " 1945
Raymond S. Stevens	" " 1947
Mary D. Whitney	" " 1944

Retirement Board

Edward J. Donovan, Chairman	City Auditor
John R. Davis	Term expires 1946
S. Hale Harding, Secretary	" " 1944

Property Valuation Board

S. Homer Buttrick, Chairman; Malcolm G. Fillmore, Frank J. Sherman

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Committee on Public Safety

Harold W. Poole, Chairman — Albert M. Tibbetts, Clerk

Fence Viewers

Clyde O. Bailey — Charles B. Mahoney — Arthur L. Marr

Constables

Arthur Clyde Champlin
William T. Fahy
M. James Hanley
Louis B. Heaton
Arthur W. Kimball
Wesley H. Murray

Keeper of the Lock-Up

Louis B. Heaton

Inaugural Address of Hon. Carl A. Raymond

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

For two years our administration of City affairs has been definitely shaped to conform to the conditions of War.

The men and women of Melrose in civilian life have responded nobly to the test. They have given freely of their time and money in support of our great War effort.

The Melrose Public Safety Committee for Civilian Defense has for the past three years maintained a high standard of efficiency in dealing with all matters of civilian defense, and in many cases has received the commendation of the State Committee on Public Safety. Over 3000 of our citizens joined up with various groups and engaged in training so that at present our City is well protected in the event of any unexpected catastrophe. It is most gratifying to believe that all of the many groups who have devoted so much time to study and training necessary to cope with any sudden emergency are amply able to give us adequate protection.

There have been several other organizations like the Rationing Board where a vast amount of work has been rendered by volunteers without expectation of reward. This includes the work of registration carried on by the teachers and officials in our public schools. Other volunteer workers have assisted in the administration of rationing by serving on various panels and in assisting the regular paid employees with their duties.

The collections made at regular intervals by the Salvage Committee have been most successful and represent the cooperation of most of our citizens.

In the matter of fuel distribution and transportation we are indebted to a group of loyal citizens who, during the period of shortage of kerosene and other fuels, have done their utmost to provide fuel for the homes, which has saved us the pain of maintaining mobilization centers.

The local committee for the encouragement of the purchase of War Bonds has been active throughout each campaign. The hard work as evidenced in all the several War Bond drives has given Melrose the distinction of being a "Bomber" City. Being a city of homes and without any important industries our people in large numbers have worked in industries outside of Melrose. It has been estimated that 75% of our people are employed outside of Melrose. Almost all of this number are purchasing War Bonds through pay-roll deductions plans operated by their employers. Without any serious doubt Melrose is very high in the list of municipalities in War Bond purchasing.

The Selective Service Board was the first Federal agency to be organized in Melrose in preparation for War.

The continued hard work and loyalty of this Board stands behind about 2500 Melrose citizens in the Armed Forces. It is interesting to note that included in this number are about 43 individuals whose services were formerly rendered directly to the City. When it is considered that the total number of City employees, including the Department of Education, amounts in normal times to only about 450, it becomes evident that our employees are fully up to the standard of average citizens in Melrose. This is apparent, not only in the number who have entered the armed forces, but also in the individual work which most of them have been doing for Civilian Defense and other war activities.

In the immediate future we should give increasing attention to the recognition of the services of our people as they return from War. I am sure that all our citizens will respond to an organized effort to render any required assistance to them and that the work will be carried on in such a manner as to give these war-worn veterans the feeling that their friends and neighbors are indeed grateful and sympathetic to them for the noble service which they have rendered.

The regular services rendered by the City have been well carried on in view of the fact that in all the larger departments the quotas of working people have been much depleted by present conditions. It therefore appears that the several services have been carried on as efficiently as conditions permitted.

More complaints are being registered about the collection of garbage than for any other city service. I have given this subject considerable thought and I hereby recommend that the appropriation be increased so that collections may be made twice a week instead of three times in two weeks, as is the custom.

Priorities have restricted the purchase of many maintenance supplies and equipment, so that with the drawing down of stock piles we have not maintained a normal amount on hand. In some cases these have become exhausted and in the matter of equipment most of it has deteriorated in the process of use.

During the current year, in spite of our desire to get along without undue demands upon the War Production Board for equipment, it has been necessary to purchase an Ambulance and two new Police cars. These purchases were made after a careful survey and inspection which showed that service would be seriously handicapped without replacements.

We have on order several snow plows which have not yet been delivered. These plows are of an improved type which will relieve the wear and tear on the City trucks materially.

An appropriation has been made for the revision of the City Ordinances. No work of this kind has been

attempted over a period of about 12 years. For the information of the public and to facilitate efficient city business this work appears to be very necessary.

A system for consolidated purchases for city supplies has been organized in the Department of Public Works, based upon competitive bidding. With the return of normal business conditions the City will be in a position to make savings through placing larger orders after competitive bids have been received.

For the year 1943 the wages and compensation of City employees have been temporarily increased as a partial offset to the cost of living.

The plan adopted provided additional compensation at a rate of 15% on salaries amounting to $1200. All those receiving salaries and compensation between $1200 and $3500 were given a uniform amount of $180 a year. The plan made necessary appropriations amounting to about $75,000.

As originally proposed the plan was based on the theory that in the cost of living indices the food item had increased more rapidly than several others such as clothing and rent, and consequently the low income groups felt the increase more keenly than those of higher incomes. Recent statistics indicate that the cost of living is still increasing and is now higher than it was a year ago. Adjustments of compensation based on the rise and fall of the cost of living appeals to many people as economically sound. To apply the principle for future practice appears to require a good stable base over which changes in cost of living may be figured.

Late in the year 1943 an appropriation was made authorizing a pay-roll study and classification of salaries. So far we have not been able to engage any person of training and experience in this very technical field. A persistent effort will be made to have this study and classification made during the current year.

During the year 1943 there has been transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account the total sum of $150,000, which under authority of Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1943 has been set up as a Post War Rehabilitation Fund, the same to be invested in War Bonds or other securities legal for Savings Banks.

No Bonds held under this Act may be sold and the proceeds expended prior to the termination of the existing state of War. Upon the termination the proceeds from the sale of such bonds shall be used only for purposes for which the City may borrow money for a period of not less than ten years, in accordance with Sections 7 and 8 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. These funds, therefore, then become available for such permanent improvements as may be financed by borrowing under the Municipal Finance Act, except that with the approval of the State Emergency Finance Board expenditures may be made for purposes involving rehabilitation following the War, or due to unemploy-

ment conditions.

In consideration of the question of further transfers or appropriations being made to increase the total of this Post War Rehabilitation Fund, it becomes important to consider projects or improvements which the City of Melrose will sooner or later want to make.

The City Planning Board has inaugurated a survey of projects of this kind for the purpose of co-ordinating the requirements which several city departments have in mind as desirable for the future. It has not been possible thus far to prepare a definite list of such projects. The City Departments have not all complied with the request of the Planning Board as transmitted by the Mayor.

The survey has proceeded far enough, however, so that it is safe to predict that a list of desirable projects will probably amount to $2,000,000.

The list, when produced, will include the building of new streets, three sewer projects of considerable expense, and the laying of water pipes. Other projects will include estimates for changes and improvements for the Athletic Field and adjacent land and other improvements upon the Ell Pond side of the Boulevard. It is presumed that a good many other projects will be proposed for parks, recreation and other facilities.

I believe that a list of this kind will be particularly useful for arriving at a sound program for capital expenditures over a period of years. We have passed over two years without any major improvements, which in normal times would have probably included at least street, water and sewer expenditures, and a plan of development around the Ell Pond area involving perhaps a five-year program.

With so many opportunities for making desirable improvements it appears important that a program be ready to advance at any time when unemployment and other depressing influences make it advisable to proceed with a program more rapidly than would be the case if conditions become normal without a considerable period of adjustment after the duration.

I therefore recommend that the Rehabilitation Fund as established be increased from time to time with transfers from Excess and Deficiency or, in case this seems inadequate, by including a reasonable amount in the current tax levy.

The financial condition of the City appears to be the best of all the cities in the Commonwealth. Debt service for paying maturing bonds on the debt for 1944 will require $72,000. This compares with a similar figure for 1935 of $160,500. It can well be argued that a sum representing a part of this difference of $88,500 should be appropriated as a part of the 1944 tax levy and transferred to the Post War Rehabilitation Fund. At the close of business for 1944 the balance remaining of the bonded debt of the

City to be paid off will amount to only $137,000, which must be paid in the following years:

1945	$ 60,000
1946	49,000
1947	14,000
1948	14,000
	$137,000

I recommend that the erection of an honor roll or some other form of War Memorial be given consideration by your honorable body. Melrose Post No. 90, The American Legion, has submitted a proposal for the erection of a tablet including the names of the Melrose people who made the supreme sacrifice during the present War. In connection with this proposal I hope that public hearings may be held at which our citizens will be encouraged to express their ideas and make suggestions.

On this occasion I am pleased to congratulate the members of the Board of Aldermen on the faithful and conscientious service which they have rendered to the City during the past two years.

I feel sure that for the next two years the City will benefit by the experience which most of the members of this Board have had in their duties as Aldermen, and that we may all look forward to a cooperation of effort in disposing of the many problems involved in the readjustments from war conditions to those of peace.

REPORT OF BOARD OF APPEAL

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter XXIX of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Melrose, I have the honor to submit herewith the annual report of the Board of Appeal for the year 1943.

On March 31, 1943 the Board met and organized, electing Mr. George H. Varney, Chairman, and Mr. Edwin H. King, Secretary.

Three new members appointed to the Board in 1943 are Mr. Edward F. P age, Mr. William H. Jones, the well known architect, and Mr. George E. Thompson, who is also Asst. District Attorney of Middlesex County. The remaining members of the Board are Messrs. George H. Varney and Lewis C. Hennigar. The new members were appointed to fill the vacancies left by Messrs. Wills, Conn and Hunter.

Building and remodelling has remained in an almost dormant condition throughout 1943.

The Board of Appeal acted on five cases during the year, summarized as follows:

Decisions of Building Commissioner upheld	2
Appeals granted	3
Total	5

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF APPEAL
George H. Varney
Chairman

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report of the Assessing Department for the year ending December 31, 1943:

Taxable Valuation of the City:	
Real Estate	$36,630,500.00
Personal Estate	2,729,200.00
Total	$39,359,700.00

Tax Rate $28.40 per $1000.00

BUDGET

City Appropriations:		
To be raised by Taxation	$ 1,385,174.55	
From Available Funds	79,284.55	
Total Appropriations		$1,464,459.10
State Assessments-1943 Estimates:		
State Tax	$ 30,450.00	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	2,052.12	
State Examination of Retirement System	147.60	
Charles River Basin	3,360.46	
Metropolitan Parks - Reservations	6,858.96	
Nantasket Beach Maint.	638.09	
Boulevards	1,223.83	
Metropolitan Sewerage - North System	31,938.34	
Metropolitan Water	49,332.16	
Smoke Inspection Service	692.91	
Water furnished Saugus	550.00	
Total -- 1943 State Estimates		127,244.47
County Assessments-1943 Estimates:		
County Tax	$ 43,324.31	
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	10,571.89	
Total -- 1943 County Estimates		53,896.20
Overlay-1943		17,553.72
Total -- All Appropriations and Assessments		$1,663,153.49

Estimated Receipts-City 1943:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	$ 45,000.00	
Licenses	3,000.00	
Fines	600.00	
Special Assessments	12,000.00	
General Government	6,500.00	
Protection of Persons and Property	100.00	
Health and Sanitation	11,000.00	
Highways	900.00	
Charities	17,000.00	
Old Age Assistance	58,000.00	
Soldiers' Benefits	1,200.00	
Schools	4,500.00	
Recreation	100.00	
Public Service Enterprises	115,000.00	
Cemeteries	6,000.00	
Interest	9,100.00	
Total Estimated City Receipts		$ 290,000.00
Estimated Receipts-State 1943:		
Income Tax	$ 117,098.45	
Corporation Taxes	38,807.59	
Old Age Tax (Meals)	2,471.25	
Total Estimated State Receipts		158,377.29
Estimated Receipts-State 1942 overestimates:		
Canterbury Street Highway.	.17	
Total - 1942 State Overestimates		.17
Available Funds:		79,284.55
Total All Deductions		$ 527,662.01
Amount to be Raised by Taxation		$1,135,491.48
How Raised:		
8838 Polls @ $2.00 each		$ 17,676.00
Personal Property - $2,729,200.00 @ $28.40 per $1000		77,509.28
Real Estate - $36,630,500.00 @ $28.40 per $1000		1,040,306.20
Total Raised		$1,135,491.48

Number of Persons, Partnerships, and Corporations assessed on Property	6,222
Number of Persons assessed for Poll Tax	8,838
Number of Motor Vehicle Excises levied	6,527
Number of Horses assessed upon	45
Number of Cows assessed upon	143
Number of Dwellings assessed upon	5,887

ADDENDUM

Year	Census	Dwellings	Polls	Value Buildings	Value Land	Total Val. Real Estate	Value Personal Estate	Total Valuation	Rate per $1,000	City Appropriation	Sewerage Tax	Other State Levies	State Tax	County Tax	Overlay	Total Tax Levy	Year
1923	19,368	4,106	5,492	16,198,650	6,570,350	22,769,000	2,710,800	25,479,800	30.80	715,248.68	23,547.37 1,935.89	15,293.01 2,441.56	46,560.00 471.68	28,652.62 237.98	20,795.35 16,476.00	871,660.64 *59,422.80	1923
1924	20,197	4,216	5,658	17,404,450	6,823,800	24,228,250	2,978,700	27,206,950	30.60	772,887.24	22,848.59	15,503.70 2,388.03	38,800.00 568.00	30,876.18 249.00	20,646.66 223.34	904,991.57 *61,142.90	1924
1925	20,302	4,311	5,815	18,699,000	6,875,500	25,574,500	3,183,200	28,757,700	32.20	850,764.17	25,330.96 843.09	17,142.06 2,593.26	47,040.00 629.87	35,829.68 254.72	17,848.88 66.39 237.26	998,581.50 *60,953.60	1925
1926	20,865	4,449	5,994	20,467,600	7,317,500	27,785,100	3,481,900	31,270,000	32.10	925,465.94	26,278.73	19,505.23 2,603.30 3,235.32 231.68 302.58	47,040.00 436.05 408.10	39,379.87 255.04	14,812.61	1,080,024.45 *64,269.45	1926
1927	21,652	4,575	6,268	21,854,250	7,363,350	29,217,600	3,558,500	32,776,100	31.20	946,741.98	27,452.61	19,880.42 1,952.55 2,513.34 397.26	47,040.00 568.00 262.64 265.47 33.88	41,025.11 4,306.77	10,530.11	1,102,970.51 *67,820.19	1927
1928	22,587	4,708	6,591	23,575,150	7,479,300	31,054,750	3,526,450	34,581,200	31.60	1,043,604.08	27,025.33	17,152.10 2,961.86 634.97 786.90 1,435.56	37,315.00 273.27 2,051.95 253.16 121.29 2.66	39,291.06 3,010.85	14,719.84	1,190,639.22 *84,691.30	1928
1929	23,440	4,858	6,684	25,120,150	7,693,400	32,813,550	2,226,425	35,039,975	33.60	1,167,879.76	26,793.55	21,063.33 3,440.37 217.11 2,279.25 11,977.86	40,800.00 276.98 107.20 40.00 291.05 286.77 507.05 3.75	46,424.10	21,885.53	1,190,711.16	1929
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1930	23,566	4,912	6,836	25,861,450	7,676,600	33,538,050	2,372,000	35,910,050	33.20	1,288,131.03	18,533.02	26,965.45 4,326.09 419.85	33,600.00 668.32 6,353.30 789.18 260.00	60,722.91 5,300.77	14,101.74	1,451,671.66 *245,806.00	1930
1931	23,712	4,987	7,027	26,265,500	7,792,300	34,057,800	2,480,100	36,537,900	35.20	1,394,583.11	18,525.48	25,998.96 4,619.94 740.70	36,000.00 7,027.00 590.00 665.16	59,803.18 5,631.87	15,978.06	1,570,163.46 *262,948.38	1931
1932	23,783	5,035	7,116	26,678,850	7,887,000	34,565,850	2,255,100	36,820,950	31.80	1,327,235.27 †90,057.05	17,334.15	92,873.07	50,797.50	50,847.38 8,893.99	21,674.18	1,659,712.59 *467,458.38	1932
1933	23,534	5,076	7,240	26,649,700	7,931,200	34,580,900	2,108,600	36,689,500	33.60	1,348,025.24 †206,980.52	16,643.37	90,190.89	46,890.00	47,082.90 16,683.34	34,866.13 239.34	1,807,521.83 *553,034.63	1933
1934	23,565	5,432	7,299	26,718,150	7,896,500	34,614,650	2,076,550	36,691,200	33.00	1,356,488.97 †161,818.77	15,919.98	83,642.67	52,100.00	51,830.98 15,538.41	27,844.47 4,088.45	1,769,272.70 *543,865.10	1934
1935	24,256	5,455	7,575	26,682,550	7,979,650	34,662,200	2,200,200	36,862,400	36.00	1,472,523.20 †58,458.65	15,900.00	86,026.53	53,200.00	53,368.63 14,369.73	22,072.32 211.20	1,776,130.26 *433,933.86	1935
1936	23,924	5,497	7,577	26,544,150	7,966,900	34,511,050	2,145,200	36,656,250	32.00	1,357,988.36 †252,452.98	19,348.97	84,984.35	16,800.00	55,441.81 15,567.21	19,812.19 892.02	1,823,287.89 *635,133.89	1936
1937	23,891	5,674	7,106	27,013,900	7,972,300	34,986,200	2,420,000	37,406,200	33.80	1,416,969.65 †138,894.78	22,612.66	86,408.42	64,400.00	56,912.59 15,608.79	15,889.11 3,167.76	1,820,863.76 *542,322.20	1937
1938	24,060	5,743	7,175	27,619,400	8,089,000	35,708,400	2,807,500	38,515,900	34.40	1,502,168.38 †61,646.44	22,916.59	89,157.51	50,440.00	59,058.70 32,760.51	18,876.83 1,084.67	1,838,109.63 *498,212.67	1938
1939	24,670	5,790	7,977	27,584,800	8,189,000	35,773,800	2,726,250	38,500,050	33.80	1,491,463.07 †102,231.21	27,001.39	142,027.68	104,040.00	49,678.46 18,408.73	17,925.87	1,952,776.41 *635,520.72	1939
1940	25,232	5,858	8,191	27,749,950	8,047,250	35,797,200	2,727,800	38,525,000	33.60	1,512,704.20 †67,768.78	28,982.80	81,387.41	92,480.00	49,678.46 18,998.84	29,317.13	1,871,317.62 *560,495.62	1940
1941	25,511	5,926	8,281	27,859,050	7,939,600	35,798,650	2,723,450	38,522,100	31.60	1,475,192.60 †58,077.51	33,226.90	72,049.39	100,485.00	57,506.55 17,281.83	29,226.58 2,024.83	1,845,071.19 *611,210.83	1941
1942	25,896	5,875	8,486	28,453,600	7,971,250	36,424,850	2,676,750	39,101,600	30.60	1,445,152.91 †104,482.00	30,823.77	71,335.63	91,350.00	48,063.67 17,498.85	27,207.70 580.71	1,836,495.24 *523,014.28	1942
1943	26,649	5,887	8,838	28,698,600	7,931,900	36,630,500	2,729,200	39,359,700	28.40	1,385,174.55 †79,284.55	31,938.34	64,856.13	30,450.00	43,324.31 10,571.89	17,553.72	1,663,153.49 *527,662.01	1943

• .... • .... • Following the 1929 State audit, changes were made in the accounting method which render impossible comparisons of appropriations between the years previous and those following.

† From Available Funds

* Receipts.

VALUATION OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

	Personal	Real Estate
City Property Used for Public Purposes.....	$394,900.00	$4,386,700.00
City Property Not So Used....		112,675.00
Benevolent Institutions.....	265,750.00	329,000.00
Cemeteries.....	500.00	22,400.00
Charitable Institutions.....	5,500.00	39,700.00
Houses of Religious Worship..	40,000.00	910,800.00
Literary Institutions.....	12,500.00	118,600.00
Organizations of War Veterans	3,000.00	18,900.00
Parsonages.....		30,000.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		17,000.00
	$722,150.00	$5,985,775.00

The following assessments in addition to the foregoing were committed to the Collector:

Motor Vehicle Excise.....		$ 44,298.89
Apportioned Sewer Assessments	$ 4,926.32	
" Sidewalk "	2,045.50	
" Street "	2,874.22	
" Committed Interest	2,278.71	$ 12,124.75
Unapportioned Sewer Assessments	$ 4,274.22	
" Sidewalk "	5,567.33	
" Street "	6,911.20	$ 16,752.75
Additional Polls (84).....		$ 168.00

During the year 24,574 items were committed to the Collector.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman D. Macdonald

Timothy Sherman

Frederick W. Parker

Board of Assessors

Annual Report

of the

BOARD OF HEALTH

of the

City of Melrose

for the

Year Ending December 31st
1943

Organization of Board
Albert E. Small, M.D., M.P.H., Chairman
Howard O. Milton, Walter H. Flanders, M.D., Members

School Physicians

Walter H. Flanders, M.D. Donato T. Scenna, M.D.*
Jackson Flanders, M.D.*

**with the Armed Forces*

School Nurses

Myrtle S. Meriam, R.N. Elsie M. Ashmead, R.N.

Inspectors

Plumbing	Fred A. Young
Milk	Harold R. Munro
Animals	Cornelius Thibeault, D.V.S.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderman,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:-

The Board of Health herewith respectfully submits its annual review of the sanitary condition of the city for the year ending December 31, 1943.

It is universally known that the State Government imposes certain legal responsibilities upon the City Government for the administration of the public health in order to safeguard the health and general welfare of the people through quarantine, the control of nuisances and other matters which are a part of the police power of the State. It is not so well known that modern public health practice has imposed upon the City Government a moral obligation to perform certain other services for the people which help to promote the well being and happiness of the people. Such services may be grouped under vital statistics; public health nursing; the supervision of food, milk and general sanitation; public health laboratory service; maternal, infant and child hygiene from before birth until the end of the school age; the care of crippled children; adult hygiene and public health education.

As soon as the value of such services was recognized by the people it became necessary to secure the aid of charity or one of the Foundations to prove to the City Government these services were desirable and a part of the moral responsibility of the city. When the value was proven, Government accepted the services not only as desirable but as a necessary duty and therefore such demonstrations are no longer necessary. Such acceptance of this principle presumes that the cost of these services is to be included in the tax levy.

There are various ways of estimating what these items of public health should cost. For our purpose the figures given in House Report 1200 of the Massachusetts Legislature may be taken as a guide for our city. There it is stated that "The bare minimum of essential public health work can be purchased for fifty cents per capita... One dollar per capita would more nearly furnish adequate service." The City of Melrose last year appropriated out of the tax funds the sum of twenty cents per capita or about enough to fulfill the legal responsibility of the city and nothing for the moral obligation.

If the minimum amount of fifty cents had been appropriated the city might have enjoyed some of the following benefits. First - A sufficient number of public health nurses would have covered such basic activities as communicable disease control, tuberculosis control through the finding of contacts, maternal and child health benefits and public health education among the people. Melrose is unique in that it is the only community in the Commonwealth which does not appropriate funds out of the tax levy to employ a public health nurse except for school purposes. Second - The only laboratory we have is the

private laboratory of the milk inspector, since none is available in the city. When a change in personnel has to be made, the city will be hampered in any effort to trace the source of a milk borne epidemic or food poisoning outbreak through the lack of laboratory facilities. Third - Out of the first five hundred rejected by the Melrose Draft Board twenty eight per cent were rejected on account of dental trouble. This indicates the need of a dental clinic to provide our children, beginning with the preschool age, with a service which will be adequate to prevent such a result. Fourth - In 1942 there were seven still births and fifteen infants died under one year of age. Of these twenty-two, nineteen might have been saved, in the opinion of competent authorities, if the expectant mothers had received adequate prenatal advice which would have been given in a prenatal clinic. Fifth - Nutritional deficiencies are occasionally brought to our attention in our visits for communicable disease control. More would be brought to light with the proper nursing visits. Much help could be given our citizens by a trained individual.

These are a few of the public health improvements which our community could enjoy if there was a tax supported program in our city which met the requirements of "adequate service". All of this has been brought to the attention of the citizens from time to time over the past few years without result.

During the past year the Melrose Health Council was organized for the purpose of stimulating public interest in the health problems of the community. Part of "its function shall be to set up a continuing process of study and examination of the health needs of the city, to interpret these to the community through health education and to demand the highest attainable standards in the care of the sick and the protection of the public health". None of this has so far been accomplished.

There appears to be no demand on the part of this community for first class public health work supported by the tax levy; rather the public sentiment is in favor of having the civil government's moral responsibility transferred to non-official agencies and supported by charity. "With an efficient state and local organization of official health services there ought not to be needed the voluntarily supported promoting organization".

There are a half dozen outside agencies participating in the public health program, each functioning under its own administration and without any co-ordination or co-operation. No citizen would approve of having the police business handled by volunteers and the administration of the department divided among several groups; the same is true of the other municipal departments and should equally apply to the health department. It is not proper that the Board of Health should expend the public funds experienting with new and untried programs. However, when certain activities have been time tested and shown to be of real value it then becomes the duty of the city government

to adopt them. "Public health" wrote Benjamin Disraeli "is the foundation upon which rests the happiness of the people and the power of the State. The first duty of a statesman is the care of the public health." Efficiency, a saving of cost and better public health service would follow unification and centralization of administration of the public health program.

After the war there will be considerable sums of Federal money available for the construction of "health centers". Melrose could well use one to house the City Physician, a city laboratory, a dental clinic, a tuberculosis clinic and the Red Cross nursing service. However, it is perfectly certain that none of these funds will be granted to any community which appropriates out of the tax levy only enough money to meet the legal requirements of public health administration.

GENERAL HEALTH -

The number of deaths in the past year was slightly in excess of that of the preceding year, showing a slightly higher death rate. The percentage of people dying at advanced age continues to be high, 64% of the deaths being over 65 years of age. Cancer deaths, deaths from cerebral hemorrhage and thrombosis and deaths from heart disease make up the bulk of the mortalities. The number of births to Melrose parents is the largest in the history of the city, giving us a birth rate of 15.7, which is the highest rate in the past fifteen years.

During the year we experienced epidemics of German measles and measles along with the rest of the state. The German measles began early in February, reached its peak in April and then rapidly subsided. Most of those having the disease were over ten years of age. The measles epidemic followed immediately after the German measles, beginning in May and reaching its peak the following month, dropping to zero in September, and then re-appearing again in December. The total number of cases is higher than we have had any year for the past ten years.

DIPHTHERIA - Four cases of diphtheria were reported to us during the past year. One of these cases was apparently a carrier in an individual who had previously been immunized. A second case was in a child sent here by one of the State agencies, already suffering from a nasal diphtheria. The last two cases occurred in a family which was opposed to immunization. A total of 236 have been immunized during the past year, 134 being in the preschool age. We continue to send out the birthday cards carrying a message to the parents of the danger of diphtheria and the advisability of having their infant immunized.

TUBERCULOSIS - Seven new cases of tuberculosis were reported during the year, all of them being of the pulmonary type. There was an average of 11 patients per month in the Middlesex County Sanatorium with the total number of 3523 patient days. This has meant an expense to the city

for the care of the patient and hospital maintenance of $33.50 per week.

It is gratifying to note that the types of tuberculosis, other than of the lungs, are gradually disappearing due to the more widespread pasteurization of milk. We may hope ultimately to see an entire disappearance of these other forms of tuberculosis. We again emphasize the fact that not having a sufficient number of nurses seriously handicaps our efforts at finding new cases and having those suspected of having the disease competently examined by X-ray.

IMMUNIZATION OF DOGS - The total number of dogs licensed last year was 769, and of this number 200 were immunized at the Board of Health's Clinics which were held for the convenience of the citizens. This seems like an insufficient proportion but at the same time the individual dogs are protected and a certain degree of safety given to the general public. The expense to the city for this program amounted to 31¢ per dog.

SANITATION -

RESTAURANTS - During the past year the Board has adopted regulations controlling the sanitary conditions of all food establishments granted a common victuallers license and also establishments handling frozen desserts. These regulations are substantially in accordance with the U. S. Public Health Service code regulating eating and drinking establishments. As is noted in the report of the Food Inspector, when these regulations were submitted to the restaurant keepers several of them decided to go out of business rather than attempt to conform to our standards. We expect that it will require some time, during this war period, before the necessary material can be obtained to enable these restaurants to fulfill all of our requirements. In a survey preliminary to the adoption of these regulations we found practically none of the eating places could meet our bacterical standards. In one instance the bacterial count of the water in which ice cream scoops were left was as high as 68,000.

BAKERIES - All the bakeries received a semi-annual inspection and objectionable practices were called to their attention. In general sanitation of the bakeries is considered satisfactory.

MILK - An examination of the report of the Inspector of Milk shows that the milk supplied to our citizens continues to be of a high grade. 93% of the market milk has been superior or excellent and 91% of the Grade "A" milk. This result has been accomplished through constant supervision and the occasional necessity of revoking milk licenses. A new regulation controlling the temperature at which milk is kept while on the wagon awaiting delivery was adopted during the past year.

SEWERS - Owing to the war and the difficulty of obtaining plumbers to do the inside work, we have not felt we

were warranted in pushing the program of making sewer connections in the old houses. As soon as we feel there is sufficient manpower available we will continue the program.

BOARDING HOUSES FOR INFANTS - There were 12 applications approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. Bowes M.D. Board of

H. O. Milton Health of

Walter H. Flanders Melrose.

TABLE I

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	1942	Totals 1942	1943	Totals 1943
Total Appropriation		$21,260.00		$22,880.00
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries & Wages		$10,030.00		$ 9,703.96
Chairman	$1,200.00		$1,200.00	
Board Members	100.00		100.00	
Clerk	1,600.00		1,600.00	
Substitute Clerk	30.00		30.00	
School Physician	900.00		555.00	
School Nurses	3,300.00		2,669.46	
Inspector of Animals	450.00		500.00	
Inspector of Milk & Food	800.00		1,399.50	
Inspector of Plumbing	1,650.00		1,650.00	
Other Expenses		634.64		596.94
Dead Animals	81.00		76.50	
Ads & Reports	22.50		31.00	
Telephone	81.50		80.38	
Car Maintenance	216.17		77.28	
Postage & Express	40.26		32.24	
Car Allowance for Nurses			150.00	
Office Supplies	138.90		100.13	
Sundries	54.31		49.41	
Tuberculosis		10,017.68		7,607.45
Outside Aid	374.75		382.42	
Board & Supplies in Hospitals	9,642.93		7,184.03	
Ambulance Service			41.00	
Quarantine & Contagious Disease		1,052.74		935.37
Board & Supplies in Hospitals	1,035.81		878.00	
Medicine	1.80			
Sundries	15.13		57.37	
Care & Disposal of Stray Animals		187.50		105.00
Immunization of Dogs		278.70		163.10
Total Expenditures		22,201.26		19,111.82
Revenues of Board of Health		3,576.59		5,373.38
Licenses & Permits	301.50		99.50	
Reimbursements	3,275.09		5,173.88	
Dog Clinic			100.00	
County Tax		17,498.85		10,571.89

TABLE II

DEATHS IN MELROSE INCLUDING MELROSE HOSPITAL CLASSIFIED AS TO CAUSE

		MALES	FEMALES
I	Infectious & Parasitic Diseases	2	3
II	Cancer & Other Tumors	23	28
III	Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition & of the Endocrine Glands. Other Gen. Diseases & Avitaminoses	2	1
IV	Diseases of the Blood & Blood-forming Organs	2	1
VI	Diseases of the Nervous System & Sense Organs	14	34
VII	Diseases of the Circulatory System	50	65
VIII	Diseases of the Respiratory System	10	13
IX	Diseases of the Digestive System	7	5
X	Diseases of the Genito-urinary System	7	9
XI	Diseases of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium		1
XII	Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue	1	1
XIV	Congenital Malformations	3	3
XV	Diseases Peculiar to the First Year of Life	5	2
XVI	Senility	5	5
XVII	Violent or Accidental Deaths	11	18
XVIII	Ill-defined & Unknown Causes		1

There were 10 stillbirths in 1943 in Melrose.

Deaths of all persons in Melrose	Males	142
	Females	190
	Total	332
Children born in Melrose to Melrose parents		269
Children born elsewhere to Melrose parents		157
Children born in Melrose to non-residents		365
	Total	791

TABLE III

INFANT MORTALITY TO ALL MELROSE PARENTS

Year	Live Births	Deaths of Infants under one year	Infant mortality per 1000 Live Births
1938	286	13	45.5
1939	283	9	31.7
1940	324	4	12.3
1941	350	7	20.0
1942	398	15	37.7
	5 year average		29.4
1943	423*	16	37.8*

*Provisional figures

Deaths of all Melrose residents	Males	157
	Females	172
	Total	329
There were 9 stillbirths to Melrose residents in 1943		
Of these deaths, children under one year		16
Persons over sixty five years		222

ESTIMATED POPULATION JULY 1, 1943 - 27,025

	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Apparent death rate per 1,000 population	12.4	11.9	11.3	10.4	11.7	12.3
*Corrected death rate per 1,000 population	12.6	11.2	10.2	10.2	11.5	12.2

*(Eliminate deaths of non-residents and add deaths of residents dying elsewhere.)

TABLE IV

INFANT MORTALITY FOR MELROSE RESIDENTS

Class No.	YEAR 1943		AGES Under 1 yr.	Under 1 mo.	Under 1 dy.	1-2 dys	2-3 dys	3 dys to 1 wk.	1-2 wks	2-3 wks	3 wks to 1 mo.	1-2 mos	2-3 mos	3-6 mos	6-9 mos	9-12 mos.
107	Broncho-pneumonia	M	1												1	
		F	1										1			
157	Congenital Malformations (Still-births not included)	M														
		F	3	3		2		1								
159	Premature Births	M	3	3	2	1										
		F	3	3	3											
160	Injury at Birth	M	1	1	1											
		F	1	1	1											
161	Other diseases Peculiar to Early Infancy	M	3	2		1	1							1		
		F														

TABLE V

CASES & DEATHS OF CERTAIN DISEASES FOR TEN YEARS

YEARS	Diphtheria		Scarlet Fever		Typhoid Fever		Measles		Lobar Pneumonia		Ophthalmia Neonatorum		Poliomyelitis		Whooping Cough		Tuberculosis					
																	Pul. & Miliary		Meningeal		Other Forms	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1934	2	0	83	0	0	0	584	2			0	0	2	0	26	1	19	3	1	2	2	0
1935	0	0	27	0	0	0	12	0			0	0	9	0	7	0	10	5	0	0	6	0
1936	3	0	25	0	2	0	102	0			0	0	0	0	15	0	8	6	0	0	1	0
1937	1	0	49	0	4	1	362	0	49	11	0	0	4	0	51	0	11	2	1	1	1	0
1938	1	0	29	0	0	0	8	0	48	11	1	0	0	0	11	0	12	7	1	2	2	1
1939	1	0	27	0	1	1	62	0	68	9	0	0	1	0	33	0	6	6	1	1	2	1
1940	1	0	22	0	0	0	39	0	61	3	0	0	0	0	52	0	12	4	1	1	2	0
1941	0	0	65	0	0	0	174	0	37	6	0	0	4	0	51	0	9	4	0	0	0	1
1942	0	0	58	0	0	0	157	0	45	6	0	0	0	0	12	0	13	2	0	0	2	0
1943	4	0	67	0	0	0	396	0	23	6	2	0	1	0	43	0	7	6	0	0	0	1

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF MILK

To the Board of Health,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

The Inspector of Milk herewith respectfully submits his annual report for the year 1943.

INSPECTION:

Pasteurizing Plants	116
Dairies within city limits	4
Dairies outside city limits	0
Stores & restaurants	301
Ice cream plants	12

SAMPLES COLLECTED:

Market Milk	102
Grade "A" Milk	43
Raw Milk to Pasteurizing Plants	32
Cream	18
Ice Cream	9

LABORATORY REPORT:

Chemical analysis of milk & cream (found below standard, 2)	168
Bacteriological examination of milk & cream (found above legal standard, 2)	192
Phosphatase test (positive tests, 5)	168

DAILY RETAIL SALES MILK PRODUCTS
(Dealers Declaration)

Pasteurized Milk	13,000 qts.
Certified Pasteurized Milk	32 qts.
Light Cream	1,000 qts.

DAILY SALES MILK PRODUCTS FOR MANUFACTURING PURPOSES

Pasteurized Milk	500 qts.
Light Cream	100 qts.
Ice Cream Mix	180 qts.

BACTERIOLOGICAL COUNTS ON MILK SAMPLES WERE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

MARKET MILK

0 to 1,000	9.8% of samples collected
1,001 to 5,000	66.6% of samples collected
5,001 to 10,000	14.7% of samples collected
10,001 to 15,000	7.9% of samples collected
15,001 to 25,000	01.0% of samples collected
over 25,000	01.0% of samples collected

GRADE "A" MILK

0 to 1,000	27.3% of samples collected
1,001 to 5,000	63.8% of samples collected
5,001 to 10,000	4.5% of samples collected
10,001 to 15,000	2.2% of samples collected
over 15,000	2.2% of samples collected

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Milk & oleomargerine, stores and dealers	125
Pasteurizing Plants	2
Licenses suspended or revoked	2
Dairy permits refused or revoked	2
Ice cream	1

AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR 1943

MARKET MILK

Dealer	Milk Fat	Plate Count
State Standard	3.35	40,000
Antunes, George E.	4.05	28,000
Bucci, Amelia	4.00	3,100
Cherry Valley	4.02	2,600
Cummings, B. L.	4.07	5,600
Fallon, Wm. J.	3.50	4,500
Forbes Milk Co.	3.92	4,600
Hanson, Martin	4.05	5,600
Hood, H. P. & Sons	3.88	1,800
Howard Farm	3.92	3,700
Kiley Farm	3.88	3,100
Lyndonville Creamery (Speedwell)	4.08	6,400
McAdams, J. F. & Bros	3.86	2,400
Palmer, Harry	4.27	1,500
Potts & Harding	3.92	6,600
Prescott, J. B. Co. Inc	4.02	3,600
Quinn, J. E.	3.87	2,500
Seven Oaks Dairy	3.90	3,700
Simmons, Charles L.	3.97	11,400
Spear, C. W.	4.47	4,900
Weiss Farm	3.76	3,600
Whiting Milk Co.	3.86	2,100

GRADE "A" MILK

State Standard	4.00	10,000
Forbes Milk Co.	4.18	6,500
Hood, H. P. & Sons	4.36	600
Kiley Farm	4.38	2,000
Lyndonville Creamery	4.30	2,100
McAdams, J. F. & Bros	4.20	1,400
Potts & Harding	4.06	5,200
Prescott, J. B.	4.17	3,500
Seven Oaks Dairy	4.33	2,500
Spear, C. W.	4.03	2,100
Whiting Milk Co.	4.375	1,900

KEY TO CODE ON PLATE COUNT

Market Milk		Grade "A" Milk	
Under 5,000	Superior	Under 1,000	Superior
5,001 to 10,000	Excellent	1,001 to 5,000	Excellent
10,001 to 25,000	Good	5,001 to 10,000	Good
25,001 to 40,000	Passable	10,001 to 25,000	Passable

Respectfully submitted,

Harold R. Munro

Harold R. Munro
Inspector of Milk

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF FOOD

(First established April 1, 1943)

Inspections:

Victuallers Licenses	25
General Stores	38
Bakeries	18
Bacterial counts on utensils	48
Food eating establishments voluntarily closed rather than attempt to meet new sanitary requirements for such establishments	5

Respectfully submitted,

Harold R. Munro

Harold R. Munro
Inspector of Food

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

1943

Permits issued to do plumbing in new buildings	1
Permits issued to do plumbing in old buildings	90
Total permits issued	91
Number permits, work approved (includes 9 permits issued in 1942 work not completed Dec.31,1943)...	94
Number permits work not completed Dec. 31, 1943	6
Number water tests	4
Number of visits of inspection	159

Fixtures installed:

Sinks	30
Trays	16
Water Closets	31
Baths	11
Lavatories	28
Pressure Boilers	26
Other Miscellaneous Fixtures ...	7

Number permits,new buildings to be connected to sewer..	0
Number permits,new buildings to be connected to cesspools	1
Number permits,old buildings to be connected to sewer..	11
Number old buildings reported by the Public Works Department connected to sewer (no inside plumbing done)	24
Total old buildings connected to sewer in 1943	35

Respectfully submitted,

Fred A. Young

Fred A. Young,
Inspector of Plumbing

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

The Board of Health
City of Melrose
Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals for the City of Melrose I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

Fifty-seven (57) dogs were examined and quarantined for rabies observation as having inflicted injury by biting or scratching persons. There were no cases of rabies in the city this year.

Seventy-seven (77) cattle were added to dairy herds from out of state by permit from the Division of Livestock Disease Control.

By order of the Director of the Division of Livestock Disease Control, in order to conserve tires and gasolene, no inspections of barns, neat cattle, sheep and swine were required for the year 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Thibeault

Signed, C. Thibeault,
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMISSIONER

To His Honor, the Mayor and
Honorable Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

For the year 1943 there were Eighty-Seven(87) building permits issued by this department. The total value of permits issued amounts to Thirty One Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-Five Dollars ($31,235.00).

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN THE CITY OF MELROSE.

January 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943.

Classification.	No.	Cost.
Garages	7	$2,270.00
Alterations to Dwellings	15	3,099.00
Other Alterations	6	4,925.00
Shingling	49	8,816.00
Fire Repairs	5	10,400.00
Hen House	1	125.00
Summer House	1	400.00
Convert into two apartments	3	1,200.00
	87	$31,235.00

Respectfully submitted,
Malcolm G. Fillmore
Malcolm G. Fillmore
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen: -

The Cemetery Committee hereby submits it's Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1943, including a financial statement and the report of the Superintendent on the activities at the Cemetery.

Every effort has been made to keep expenditures down to a minimum without detriment to the service or neglect of the grounds. Because of this policy of retrenchment we have been unable to make extensive repairs to the grass in the older sections except in a few scattered spots where immediate repairs were necessary. Much of the grass in these sections has reached the state where complete renovation is necessary as the soil has completely run out. When the emergency is over it will be necessary to set up a major project to correct this trouble; until that time we hope the lot owners will bear with us.

The Committee has filed with the Planning Board a list of tentative post war projects in order of their priority and this grass project was placed near the top of the list. We believe that there will be enough money in the Sale of Lots and Graves Account to finance most of these projects.

There are in the Cemetery some eight hundred old lots without Perpetual Care and which are in various stages of neglect. In order to maintain the general appearance of the grounds it has been the policy of the Committee to do superficial work on these lots such as raking and cutting the grass occasionally; in some cases badly sunken graves have been filled. The Committee has made constant effort to have these lots placed in Perpetual Care, but in many cases the Heirs do not seem to be interested or cannot be located. However, through the efforts of the Superintendent four of these lots were placed in care in 1942, for which we received $1122.00. In 1943 eight more were added for which we received $1735.00, or a total of $2857.00 for the two years, which amount has been added to the Trust Fund.

The Committee wishes to express appreciation to the various City Officials for their cooperation with this department, especially to the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments in various emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. J. McClintock
Joseph Casey
Arthur D. King
Cemetery Committee.

By Wm. J. McClintock

Chairman.

DETAILS OF APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND EXPENDITURES

Year Ending December 31, 1943

Appropriations and Transfers:

Maintenance: Salaries & Wages:			
Appropriation	$12,555.00		
Cost of Living Increase	1,653.05	$14,208.05	
Maintenance: Other Expenses		2,500.00	
Water Rates		80.00	
Purchase of Loam		200.00	
Signs and Markers:			
Appropriation	50.00		
Order No. 5965	18.34	31.66	
Maintenance of Roads		100.00	
Car Rental, Superintendent		196.00	
Holidays:			
Order No. 5965	18.34		
Cost of Living Increase	2.73	21.07	
WPA Project, Order No. 5374, from 1942		2,201.92	
			$19,538.70

Expenditures:

Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	$12,554.75		
Cost of Living Increase	1,653.05	$14,207.80	
Maintenance: Other Expenses		2,480.16	
Water Rates		77.17	
Purchase of Loam		197.48	
Maintenance of Roads		11.23	
Car Rental, Superintendent		196.00	
Holidays:			
Order No. 5965	18.34		
Cost of Living Increase	2.73	21.07	
			17,190.91

Unexpended Balance:

To Revenue of 1943:			
Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	0.25		
Maintenance: Other Expenses	19.84		
Water Rates	2.83		
Purchase of Loam	2.52		
Signs and Markers	31.66		
Maintenance of Roads	88.77	145.87	
To 1944:			
WPA Project, Order No. 5374		2,201.92	
			$ 2,347.79

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Receipts for Departmental Expenditures:

Appropriations and Transfers	$19,538.70	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	8,219.78	
		$27,758.48

Departmental Expenditures:

From Appropriations and Transfers	$17,190.91	
From Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	6,532.17	23,723.08

Unexpended Balance:

To Revenue of 1943		145.87	
To 1944: Appropriation Accts	$ 2,201.92		
Cem. Tr. Fund Inc. Acct.	1,687.61	3,889.53	
			$27,758.48

Total Net Cash Receipts	$25,832.92	
Receipts, Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Acct., (Amount used for pay rolls and bills)	5,768.65	$31,601.57
Expenditures: Appropriation Accts	$17,190.91	
Cem. Tr. Fund Inc. Acct	5,768.65	22,959.56
Receipts over Expenditures		$ 8,642.01
Total Expenditures for Pay rolls:		
From Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	$12,554.75	
From Cemetery Trust Fund Income Acct	5,652.20	
Cost of Living Pay roll Increase	2,419.30	
Holidays	18.34	
		$20,644.59

CEMETERY TRUST FUND, INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance from 1942	$ 675.48		
Income, 1943	6,780.78	$ 7,456.26	
Cost of Living Increase		763.52	$ 8,219.78
Pay rolls		$ 5,652.20	
Cost of Living Increase		763.52	
Bills		116.45	6,532.17
Balance to 1944			$ 1,687.61

CASH RECEIPTS

Interments:			
Department		$ 5,005.00	
City Collector		22.00	$ 5,027.00
Foundations:			
Department			1,408.11
Sale of Lots:			
Department		$ 4,632.50	
City Collector		1,065.50	5,698.00
Sale of Graves:			
Department	$ 2,890.00		
City Collector	23.00	$ 2,913.00	
Refunds		55.00	2,858.00
Perpetual Care:			
Department	$ 8,385.00		
City Collector	278.00	$ 8,663.00	
Refunds		45.00	8,618.00
Annual Care:			
Department	$ 585.90		
City Collector	74.91	$ 660.81	
Refunds		5.00	655.81
Miscellaneous:			
Department		$ 1,047.00	
City Collector		21.00	1,068.00
Perpetual Flower Fund:			
Department			500.00
Total Net Cash Receipts for 1943			$25,832.92

To the Cemetery Committee,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The following is the report of the Superintendent of Wyoming Cemetery for the year ending December 31, 1943:

Interments:

Adults	235
Children, 12 years or under	26
Cremated remains	16
Total for 1943	277
Total number to January 1, 1944	13,384

Sale of Lots:

Sold during the year	26
Total sold to January 1, 1944	2,352

Sale of Single Graves:

Sold during the year	108
Total number sold to January 1, 1944	3,597
Number of Lots under Perpetual Care	1,542
Number of Single Graves under Perpetual Care	2,057
Number of Lots available for sale in Sections 2, 3 and H on January 1,1944	147
Old Lots placed in Perpetual Care	8

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) H.O.Milton •
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE CITY AUDITOR

To His Honor, The Mayor, and
Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:

I submit, herewith, the Annual Report of the City Auditor for the year ended December 31, 1943.

I have examined the several Trust Funds of the Treasurer-Collector as custodian together with all securities, coupons and Savings Bank Books. All income for the year was properly accounted for, and all expenditures properly supported by vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Donovan

City Auditor.

FINANCES

The Assessed Valuation of the City January 1, 1943 was:		
Real Estate		$36,630,500.00
Personal Property		2,729,200.00
Total		$39,359,700.00
Increase in valuation from January 1, 1942 to January 1, 1943		$ 258,100.00
Number of Dwellings January 1, 1943		5,887
Number of Polls January 1, 1943		8,838
Population		26,649
Rate of Taxation for each $1,000.00 of valuation, January 1, 1943		$28.40
Appropriations:		
City Budget	$1,253,306.58	
Revenue Orders	131,867.97	
Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital Tax	10,571.89	1,395,746.44
State Tax	30,450.00	
County Tax	43,324.31	
Charles River Basin Tax	3,360.46	
Metropolitan Park Tax	8,720.88	
Metropolitan Sewer Tax	31,938.34	
Metropolitan Water Tax	49,332.16	
Smoke Inspection Service Tax	692.91	
Water to Saugus Tax	550.00	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts Tax	2,052.12	
State Examination of Retirement System Tax	147.60	170,568.78
Overlays for Abatements		17,553.72
Total Amount to be Raised		1,583,868.94

FINANCES: (Cont'd)

Less:		
State Overestimate 1942	.17	
Estimated Receipts:		
Income Tax	117,098.45	
Corporation Taxes	38,807.59	
City Accounts	292,471.25	448,377.46
Amount to be raised by taxation		$1,135,491.48
To be raised as follows:		
8,838 Polls @ $2.00 each	17,676.00	
Personal Property Taxes-Valuation		
$2,729,200.00 @ $28.40	77,509.28	
Real Estate Taxes - Valuation		
$36,630,500.00 @ $28.40	1,040,306.20	1,135,491.48

SCHEDULE OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Purpose of Issue	Outstanding Jan.1,1943	Amount Issued During Year	Amount Paid During Year	Outstanding Dec.31,1943
Schools	$193,500.00		$64,500.00	$129,000.00
Sewer	88,000.00		16,000.00	72,000.00
Surface Drainage	8,000.00		3,000.00	5,000.00
City Hall Addition	2,000.00		2,000.00	00.00
City Hall Alterations	6,500.00		3,500.00	3,000.00
	$298,000.00		$89,000.00	$209,000.00

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1943

ASSETS

Revenue Accounts

Revenue Cash		$ 288,493.32
Taxes:		
Real Estate, Personal and Poll - 1942	$ 9,079.12	
Real Estate, Personal and Poll - 1943	89,462.16	98,541.28
Motor Vehicle Excise		698.21
Assessments Added to Taxes:		
Sewer	944.72	
Sidewalk	280.88	
Street	213.61	1,439.21
Committed Interest:		
On Assessments - 1942	48.11	
On Assessments - 1943	343.67	391.78
Tax Titles		8,544.97
City Possessions		35,147.14
Accounts Receivable		8,683.82
Water Rates		12,581.75
		$ 454,521.48

DEFERRED ASSESSMENTS

Sewer Assessments - Due 1944-1960	$ 38,295.91	
Sidewalk Assessments - Due 1944-1953	12,208.96	
Street Assessments - Due 1944-1953	13,574.51	$ 64,079.38

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Account	17,237.22	
Post War Rehabilitation Account	100,000.00	$ 117,237.22

TRUST FUNDS - INCOME ACCOUNTS

John C.F.Slayton Organ Fund, Income Account	4,073.09	
A.C.Marie Currier Fund, Income Account	497.92	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund, Income Account	112.50	$ 4,683.51

TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	200,371.24	
Samuel McDaniels Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	100.00	
Cemetery Flower Fund	2,219.25	
John C.F.Slayton Organ Fund	10,000.00	
100th Anniversary Fund	97.35	
Community Civics Fund	50.00	
Levi S. Gould School Fund	1,000.00	
Norman F. Hesseltine School Fund	100.00	
Bailey Library Fund	2,500.00	
Wm. E. Barrett Library Fund	75.00	
Horatio Nelson Perkins Library Fund	500.00	
Sarah E. Fitch School Fund	34.60	
S.E.Cheever Sewall Woods Park Fund	1,500.00	
A.C.Marie Currier Welfare Fund	24,546.48	
Mary Baker Wing Memorial Award School Fund	160.89	$ 243,254.81

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1943

LIABILITIES

Revenue Accounts

Revenue Reserved:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	$ 698.21	
Tax Titles and City Possessions	43,692.11	
Special Assessments	1,439.21	
Committed Interest	391.78	
Departmental Accounts Receivable	8,683.82	
Water Rates	12,581.75	$ 67,486.88
Accounts Receivable - Soldiers Benefits (Due State)		25.00
Mt. Hood Memorial Park Receipts		17,768.66
Library Department - Fines		3,325.32
Police Department - Ambulance Fund		307.15
Welfare Department - Federal Grants		2,863.28
Unclassified - Post War Rehabilitation Fund		50,000.00
Sale of City Property		5,553.20
Overlay Surplus		29,312.70
Deductions for Purchase of Defense Bonds		2,068.43
Deposit Accounts - Sewer and Water		330.00
Trust Funds and Trust Funds Income Accounts (In City Cash)		3,665.90
Overlays for Abatements		23,041.23
Tailings		621.93
Unexpended Balances		20,109.28
Surplus Revenue		228,042.52
		$ 454,521.48

DEFERRED ASSESSMENTS

Apportioned Assessments - Not Due	$ 64,079.38

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Deposited in Savings Bank	$ 17,237.22	
Invested in U. S. "Series G" Savings Bonds.	100,000.00	$ 117,237.22

TRUST FUNDS - INCOME ACCOUNTS

Cash in Melrose Trust Co.	$ 4,683.51

TRUST FUNDS

Investments:		
Cash in Banks	43,069.81	
Securities	200,185.00	
		$ 243,254.81

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Prev. Yrs Refunds & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1943	Balance to 1944
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:										
Contributory Retirement System:										
Pension Accumulation Fund.....		$23545.00			$23545.00	$23545.00		$23545.00		
Expense Fund.....		375.00			375.00	375.00		375.00		
Aldermen:										
Salaries & Wages.....	$1200.00		$90.00		1290.00	1290.00		1290.00		
Other Expenses.....	1100.00				1100.00	899.44	$90.00	989.44	$110.56	
Mayor:										
Salaries & Wages.....	4331.67		180.00		4511.67	4505.83		4505.83	5.84	
Other Expenses.....	400.00				400.00	371.87		371.87	28.13	
Study & Report of Payroll Classification for Employees of City.....			800.00		800.00					$800.00
Committee on Public Safety.....	6000.00		180.00	$1293.40	7473.40	3905.38		3905.38		3568.02
Rationing Board.....		800.00	800.00	11.66	1611.66	1611.54		1611.54	.12	
Auditor:										
Salaries & Wages.....	4165.00		360.00		4525.00	4518.50		4518.50	6.50	
Other Expenses.....	425.00				425.00	424.93		424.93	.07	
WPA Administration...	1500.00		97.50		1597.50	1298.06		1298.06	299.44	
Print Victory Tax Forms,Cards,etc.....				40.00	40.00	39.98		39.98	.02	
Treasurer-Collector:										
Salaries & Wages.....	10734.50		614.73		11349.23	11349.23		11349.23		
Other Expenses.....	3500.00				3500.00	3455.31	12.32	3467.63	32.37	
Land Court Procedure.	150.00				150.00	143.62		143.62	6.38	
Certification of Bonds.....	300.00				300.00	150.30		150.30	149.70	
Assessors:										
Salaries & Wages.....	8164.83		862.20		9027.03	8937.03		8937.03	90.00	
Other Expenses.....	1100.00				1100.00	1087.27		1087.27	12.73	

City Clerk:										
Salaries & Wages.....	6400.00		563.50		6963.50	6963.18		6963.18	.32	
Other Expenses.....	450.00				450.00	419.86		419.86	30.14	
Vital Statistics.....	375.00				375.00	341.53		341.53	33.47	
City Physician:										
Salaries & Wages.....	2000.00		142.50		2142.50	1725.83	416.67	2142.50		
Other Expenses.....	100.00				100.00	59.71		59.71	40.29	
Vacation, Salary.....	75.00				75.00	64.00		64.00	11.00	
City Solicitor:										
Salaries & Wages.....	3000.00				3000.00	2160.49		2160.49	839.51	
Other Expenses.....	75.00				75.00				75.00	
Photographs.....	25.00				25.00				25.00	
Suits & Claims, Expense	100.00			2.85	102.85	80.82		80.82	22.03	
Election & Registration:										
Salaries & Wages.....	2910.00				2910.00	2770.30		2770.30	139.70	
Other Expenses.....	2785.00				2785.00	2765.50		2765.50	19.50	
Engage 4 Additional Registrars 1943.....				368.10	368.10	300.00		300.00	68.10	
Engage 4 Additional Registrars 1944.....			400.00		400.00	30.81		30.81		369.19
Planning Board:										
Other Expenses.....	115.00				115.00	54.00		54.00	61.00	
Fee for Consultants and Experts.....				1500.00	1500.00					1500.00
Board of Appeal:										
Salaries & Wages.....	100.00				100.00	100.00		100.00		
Other Expenses.....	75.00				75.00	31.58		31.58	43.42	
Property Valuation Board:										
Other Expenses			200.00	44.55	244.55	37.22		37.22		207.33
Fence Viewers:										
Other Expenses.....	15.00				15.00				15.00	
Public Works:										
Salaries & Wages.....	13225.00		721.00		13946.00	13927.70		13927.70	18.30	
Other Expenses.....	800.00				800.00	673.29		673.29	126.71	
Vacations.....		6000.00	597.69		6597.69	5699.51		5699.51	898.18	
Holidays.....			216.19		216.19	132.09		132.09	84.10	
City Yard, Salaries & Wages	2200.00		281.46		2481.46	2370.57		2370.57	110.89	

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Previous Years, Refunds and Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1943	Balance to 1944
GENERAL GOVERNMENT: (Cont'd)										
Public Works (Cont'd)										
City Yard, Improvements	500.00		553.30		1,053.30	914.86		914.86	138.44	
Engineers:										
Salaries and Wages	$ 5,000.00		234.90		5,234.90	3,827.72		3,827.72	1,407.18	
Other Expenses	650.00		100.00		750.00	736.72		736.72	13.28	
City Hall:										
Salaries and Wages	3,450.00		491.99		3,941.99	3,898.73		3,898.73	43.26	
Other Expenses	5,000.00		46.55		5,046.55	4,991.68		4,991.68	54.87	
Memorial Building:										
Salaries and Wages	4,000.00		392.21		4,392.21	3,977.42	2.60	3,980.02	412.19	
Holidays			2.99		2.99	2.99		2.99		
Other Expenses	2,200.00				2,200.00	1,869.64		1,869.64	330.36	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	98,696.00	30,720.00	8,928.71	3,260.56	141,605.27	128,836.04	521.59	129,357.63	5,803.10	6,444.54
PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY:										
Police Department:										
Salaries and Wages	75,000.00		6,131.09		81,131.09	78,618.46	2,000.00	80,618.46	512.63	
Equipment and Repairs	2,000.00				2,000.00	1,898.38		1,898.38	101.62	
Other Expenses	800.00				800.00	795.76		795.76	4.24	
Teletype Fund	550.00				550.00	547.68		547.68	2.32	
Salary of Mechanician	200.00				200.00	199.96		199.96	.04	
Motor Vehicle Insurance	421.00				421.00	275.60		275.60	145.40	
New City Ambulance	2,850.00				2,850.00	2,847.95		2,847.95	2.05	
Purchase 2 New Cruising Cars			2,000.00		2,000.00	1,999.72		1,999.72	.28	
Transportation Charges, First District Court, Eastern Middlesex			27.35		27.35	27.35		27.35		
Ambulance Fund				435.45	435.45	128.30		128.30		307.15
Fire Department:										
Salaries and Wages	83,000.00		6,280.88		89,280.88	89,280.23		89,280.23	.65	
Other Expenses	1,500.00		350.00		1,850.00	1,820.00		1,820.00	30.00	
Equipment and Repairs	2,000.00				2,000.00	1,783.24	150.00	1,933.24	66.76	
Repairs to Buildings	1,400.00				1,400.00	720.24	450.00	1,170.24	229.76	

PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY (Cont'd.)									
Fire Department: (Cont'd)									
Fuel and Light	$ 1,800.00	$ 250.00		$ 2,050.00	$ 2,006.81		$ 2,006.81	$ 43.19	
Purchase New Hose					67.60		67.60	67.60*	
Rental of Hydrants	9,940.00			9,940.00	9,940.00		9,940.00		
Building Department:									
Salaries and Wages	2,400.00	180.00		2,580.00	2,580.00		2,580.00		
Other Expenses	150.00			150.00	146.70		146.70	3.30	
Wire Department:									
Salaries and Wages	2,500.00	180.00		2,680.00	2,680.00		2,680.00		
Other Expenses	75.00			75.00	62.05		62.05	12.95	
Police Signal Maintenance	2,700.00	60.00		2,760.00	2,062.15		2,062.15	697.85	
Fire Alarm Maintenance	4,600.00	131.25		4,731.25	3,500.18		3,500.18	1,231.07	
Sealer of Weights and Measures:									
Salaries and Wages	1,200.00	90.00		1,290.00	1,290.00		1,290.00		
Other Expenses	150.00			150.00	150.00		150.00		
Forestry:									
Care of Trees	6,500.00	502.90		7,002.90	5,379.18	125.00	5,504.18	1,498.72	
Plant New Trees	330.00	24.57	7.00	361.57	361.57		361.57		
Dog Officer, Other Expenses	25.00			25.00				25.00	
TOTAL PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY	202,091.00	16,208.04	442.45	218,741.49	211,169.11	2,725.00	213,894.11	4,675.43	307.15
* Charged to 1943 Revenue-No appropriation made.									
HEALTH AND SANITATION:									
Health Department:									
Salaries and Wages	2,930.00	360.00		3,290.00	3,290.00		3,290.00		
Other Expenses	600.00			600.00	596.94		596.94	3.06	
Quarantine & Contagious Diseases	1,000.00		52.00	1,052.00	935.37		935.37	116.63	
Tuberculosis	10,000.00			10,000.00	7,607.45		7,607.45	2,392.55	
School Physicians, Salaries and Wages	900.00	49.50		949.50	604.50		604.50	345.00	
Inspection of Animals	500.00	75.00		575.00	575.00		575.00		
Inspection of Milk	800.00	90.00		890.00	890.00		890.00		
Inspection of Food	700.00			700.00	599.50		599.50	100.50	
School Nurses, Salaries and Wages	3,300.00	360.00	54.60	3,714.60	3,029.46		3,029.46	685.14	
Inspector of Plumbing	1,650.00	180.00		1,830.00	1,830.00		1,830.00		
Care and Disposal of Stray Animals	200.00			200.00	105.00		105.00	95.00	
Immunization of Dogs (Rabies)	300.00			300.00	163.10		163.10	136.90	

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Previous Years, Refunds and Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1943	Balance to 1944
HEALTH AND SANITATION: (Cont'd)										
Sewer and Surface Drainage Division:										
Sewer and Surface Drainage Construction	$ 7,000.00		$ 4,834.93		$ 11,834.93	$ 9,340.25		$ 9,340.25	$ 1,242.02	$1,252.66
Sewer Maintenance	5,000.00		155.52		5,155.52	2,460.74	2,000.00	4,460.74	694.78	
Southeast Sewer Connections and Private Sewer Connections-General	1,200.00		168.03	2,348.42	3,716.45	2,290.17	800.00	3,090.17	626.28	
Private Sewers	3,000.00		74.24		3,074.24	1,172.07	1,200.00	2,372.07	702.17	
Surface Drainage Maintenance	8,500.00		548.39		9,048.39	6,140.21		6,140.21	2,908.18	
Collection of Ashes	15,000.00		1,818.65		16,818.65	16,517.77		16,517.77	300.88	
Collection of Ashes, Tin Can Salvage Receipts				619.90	619.90		523.92	523.92	95.98	
Collection of Garbage	17,000.00		1,739.39		18,739.39	18,392.68		18,392.68	346.71	
Street Cleaning	6,500.00		524.86		7,024.86	4,895.80	200.00	5,095.80	1,929.06	
TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	86,080.00		10,978.51	3,074.92	100,133.43	81,436.01	4,723.92	86,159.93	12,720.84	1,252.66
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:										
Repairing, Automotive, Salaries and Wages and Other Expenses	16,500.00		5,986.72	255.51	22,742.23	15,455.48	600.00	16,055.48	6,686.75	
Traffic Signs and Markers	500.00		30.03		530.03	525.35		525.35	4.68	
Highway Construction	2,000.00		93.86	7,276.76	9,370.62	3,134.77	4,500.00	7,634.77	547.47	1,188.38
Improve Parking Space Rear of City Hall				247.93	247.93					247.93
Walks and Roads at Mt. Hood				134.91	134.91	102.42		102.42	32.49	
Tower Road Construction, Mount Hood			5.66	51.55	57.21	54.09		54.09	3.12	
Removal of Steel Rails, W.P.A.			72.85	2,644.84	2,717.69	1,802.51	915.18	2,717.69		
Sale of Steel Rails and Wire-Receipts				2,945.21	2,945.21		2,945.21	2,945.21		
Individual Walks	600.00		1,069.86		1,669.86	774.94		774.94	894.92	
Repair of Walks	4,000.00		155.48		4,155.48	2,143.24	1,000.00	3,143.24	1,012.24	
Continuous Walks	3,000.00		84.29	3,898.13	6,982.42	1,725.35		1,725.35	5,257.07	
Snow Removal		20,000.00	6,086.80		26,086.80	20,138.62		20,138.62	5,948.18	
Snow Removal, Purchase 6 Truck Blades	3,000.00				3,000.00	2.00		2.00		2,998.00
Street Lighting	34,500.00				34,500.00	33,815.24		33,815.24	684.76	
TOTAL HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES	64,100.00	20,000.00	13,585.55	17,454.84	115,140.39	79,674.01	9,960.39	89,634.40	21,071.68	4,434.31

PUBLIC WELFARE:									
General Administration	$ 7,556.00	$ 512.29		$ 8,068.29	$ 6,753.30		$ 6,753.30	$ 1,314.99	
Other Expenses	900.00			900.00	898.25		898.25	1.75	
General Relief	45,000.00		379.32	45,379.32	26,313.98		26,313.98	19,065.34	
Milk Distribution Fund			1,050.72	1,050.72	1,050.72		1,050.72		
Old Age Assistance	80,000.00		2,046.33	82,046.33	81,972.33		81,972.33	74.00	
Old Age Assistance, Recovery Account			4,745.75	4,745.75	1,128.83		1,128.83		3,616.92
Old Age Assistance, Federal Grant			63,397.71	63,397.71	61,407.61		61,407.61		1,990.10
Old Age Assistance Administration, Federal Grant		132.45	2,197.80	2,330.25	1,842.48		1,842.48		487.77
Aid to Dependent Children	13,350.00		191.44	13,541.44	11,230.01		11,230.01	2,311.43	
Aid to Dependent Children, Federal Grant			4,856.39	4,856.39	4,471.34		4,471.34		385.05
Aid to Dependent Children Administration, Federal Grant		63.00	1,121.10	1,184.10	1,183.74		1,183.74		.36
Physicians' Services for Public Welfare and Old Age Assistance Cases		416.67		416.67	378.00		378.00	38.67	
TOTAL PUBLIC WELFARE	146,806.00	1,124.41	79,986.56	227,916.97	198,630.59		198,630.59	22,806.18	6,480.20
SOLDIERS' BENEFITS:									
General Administration:									
Salaries and Wages	1,000.00	6.69		1,006.69	1,006.69		1,006.69		
Other Expenses	350.00			350.00	332.38		332.38	17.62	
Soldiers' Relief	20,000.00		65.00	20,065.00	12,292.88	2,000.00	14,292.88	5,772.12	
Military Aid	1,000.00		35.00	1,035.00	712.00		712.00	323.00	
State Aid	2,000.00	2,000.00	375.00	4,375.00	2,535.90		2,535.90	1,839.10	
Soldiers' Burial	200.00			200.00				200.00	
TOTAL SOLDIERS' BENEFITS	24,550.00	2,006.69	475.00	27,031.69	16,879.85	2,000.00	18,879.85	8,151.84	
EDUCATION:									
Salaries and Wages	340,000.00	28,223.03	304.54	368,527.57	368,526.63		368,526.63	.94	
Textbooks and Supplies	13,000.00	638.00		13,638.00	13,634.19		13,634.19	3.81	
Other General Expenses	2,000.00	75.00		2,075.00	2,074.49		2,074.49	.51	
Plant, Maintenance and Operation	42,850.00	7,160.00	2,558.58	52,568.58	50,898.50	1,669.00	52,567.50	1.08	

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EDUCATION: (Cont'd)										
Material and Labor Filling in along Walks and Driveway, High School Building			2,000.00		2,000.00	416.20		416.20		1,583.80
State Teachers Retirement Fund			245.96		245.96	245.96		245.96		
TOTAL EDUCATION	397,850.00		38,341.99	2,863.12	439,055.11	435,795.97	1,669.00	437,464.97	6.34	1,583.80
LIBRARIES:										
Salaries and Wages	14,450.00		1,124.06		15,574.06	14,345.48		14,345.48	1,228.58	
Books and Periodicals			3,359.97		3,359.97	3,357.98		3,357.98	1.99	
Fuel and Light	900.00		200.00		1,100.00	990.12		990.12	109.88	
Buildings and Janitors' Supplies	1,150.00				1,150.00	1,018.02		1,018.02	131.98	
Binding	500.00				500.00	490.42		490.42	9.58	
Other Expenses	700.00				700.00	655.99		655.99	44.01	
Fines Account				4,025.32	4,025.32		700.00	700.00		3,325.32
TOTAL LIBRARIES	17,700.00		4,684.03	4,025.32	26,409.35	20,858.01	700.00	21,558.01	1,526.02	3,325.32
RECREATION:										
Pine Banks Park	3,000.00		268.86	1.00	3,269.86	3,186.48		3,186.48	83.38	
Pine Banks Park, 1/2 Purchase Auto Dump Truck	600.00				600.00				600.00	
Park Department:										
General Administration:										
Salaries and Wages	4,000.00		1,349.63		5,349.63	5,336.29		5,336.29	13.34	
Other Expenses	435.00				435.00	431.63		431.63	3.37	
All Other Salaries and Wages	15,000.00		1,906.51		16,906.51	15,509.85	27.34	15,537.19	1,369.32	
Holidays			31.24		31.24	31.24		31.24		
Labor Vacations and Insurance	1,000.00		94.38		1,094.38	1,056.56		1,056.56	37.82	
All Other Expenses	4,000.00		18.30		4,018.30	3,347.45		3,347.45	670.85	
Rental of Office	900.00				900.00	900.00		900.00		
Mt. Hood Golf Maintenance & Operation			12,447.35	89.65	12,537.00	8,442.11		8,442.11	4,094.89**	
Field House, Messengers Meadows W.P.A.				50.00	50.00					50.00
Field House, Melrose Common, W.P.A.				48.49	48.49					48.49
Entrance Gate, Mt. Hood, W.P.A.				25.00	25.00					25.00
Recreation Building Operation			2,443.47		2,443.47	1,268.77		1,268.77	1,174.70**	

RECREATION: (Cont'd)									
Park Department: (Cont'd)									
Construction Recreation Building, Ell Pond			2,811.71	2,811.71					2,811.71
Athletic Field Maintenance & Operation	2,000.00	158.59		2,158.59	1,373.98		1,373.98	784.61	
Parks and Playgrounds Projects, W.P.A.		-	5,118.22	5,118.22	587.80		587.80		4,530.42
Lebanon Street Playground			46.22	46.22	25.87		25.87	20.35	
Maintain Lighting, Ell Pond Knoll	90.00			90.00	1.73		1.73	88.27	
New Bleachers, Athletic Field			532.07	532.07	345.92		345.92		186.15
Gooch School Playground Equipment	400.00	5.12		405.12	401.36		401.36	3.76	
Mt. Hood Memorial Park Receipts		5,269.59	27,313.95	32,583.54	20.00	14,794.88	14,814.88		17,768.66
TOTAL RECREATION	31,425.00	23,993.04	36,036.31	91,454.35	42,267.04	14,822.22	57,089.26	8,944.66	25,420.43
**Transferred to Mt. Hood Memorial Park Receipts Account									
CELEBRATIONS:									
Memorial Day:									
G.A.R.	350.00			350.00	350.00		350.00		
American Legion	250.00			250.00	250.00		250.00		
Veterans of Foreign Wars	200.00			200.00	200.00		200.00		
Armistice Day:									
American Legion	100.00			100.00	100.00		100.00		
Veterans of Foreign Wars	100.00			100.00	53.99		53.99	46.01	
Fourth of July, Children's Entertainment	200.00	25.00		225.00	221.34		221.34	3.66	
TOTAL CELEBRATIONS	1,200.00	25.00		1,225.00	1,175.33		1,175.33	49.67	
PENSIONS:									
Police Department	2,200.00			2,200.00	2,200.00		2,200.00		
Fire Department	4,400.00			4,400.00	4,075.45		4,075.45	324.55	
Public Works Department	14,500.00			14,500.00	11,987.75		11,987.75	2,512.25	
TOTAL PENSIONS	21,000.00			21,100.00	18,263.20		18,263.20	2,836.80	

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Previous Years, Refunds and Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1943	Balance to 1944
UNCLASSIFIED:										
Portraits			65.00		65.00					65.00
Rentals:										
American Legion	700.00				700.00	700.00		700.00		
Veterans of Foreign Wars	300.00				300.00	300.00		300.00		
Insurance	5,415.55	6,000.00		274.40	11,689.95	7,944.34		7,944.34	3,745.61	
Rifle Practice Co. M. 23rd Infantry, Mass. State Guard	175.00				175.00	82.50	12.50	95.00	80.00	
Expenses of Recruiting Campaign Co.M. 23rd Infantry, Mass.State Guard			248.35		248.35	248.35		248.35		
Print City Report	575.00		75.00		650.00	617.31		617.31	32.69	
Use of Memorial Hall-High School Hockey Team Banquet				70.00	70.00	70.00		70.00		
Purchase of Land, Junction of Pleasant and Washington Streets			100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00		
Print Part of State Auditors' Audit of City Accounts 10/15/41 to 9/30/42			25.00		25.00	24.17		24.17	.83	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund			150,000.00		150,000.00	100,000.00		100,000.00		50,000.00
Revising, Codifying and Printing Ordinances			3,500.00		3,500.00					3,500.00
Cost of Living Increases, 1943		75,147.97			75,147.97		67,264.35	67,264.35	7,883.62	
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	7,165.55	81,147.97	154,013.35	344.40	242,671.27	110,086.67	67,276.85	177,363.52	11,742.75	53,565.00
WATER DIVISION:										
Maintenance	24,000.00		1,744.13		25,744.13	25,296.76		25,296.76	447.37	
New Water Meters	1,300.00				1,300.00	1,097.47		1,097.47	202.53	
Malden Water Rates	350.00				350.00	151.75		151.75	198.25	
Construction	7,000.00		1,311.58		8,311.58	7,717.39		7,717.39	594.19	
Inside Services	2,500.00		2,688.54		5,188.54	3,036.18	900.00	3,936.18	1,252.36	
TOTAL WATER DIVISION	35,150.00		5,744.25		40,894.25	37,299.55	900.00	38,199.55	2,694.70	

CEMETERY:									
Maintenance:									
Salaries and Wages	$ 12,555.00	$ 1,653.05		$ 14,208.05	$ 14,207.80		$ 14,207.80	$ .25	
Other Expenses	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,480.16		2,480.16	19.84	
Holidays		21.07		21.07	21.07		21.07		
Water Rates	80.00			80.00	77.17		77.17	2.83	
Purchase of Loam	200.00			200.00	197.48		197.48	2.52	
Signs and Markers	50.00			50.00		18.34	18.34	31.66	
Maintenance of Roads	100.00			100.00	11.23		11.23	88.77	
Car Rental, Superintendent	196.00			196.00	196.00		196.00		
Surface Drainage, Grading, Road Building, Etc., W.P.A.			2,201.92	2,201.92					2,201.92
TOTAL CEMETERY	15,681.00	1,674.12	2,201.92	19,557.04	17,190.91	18.34	17,209.25	145.87	2,201.92
Interest	13,712.03			13,712.03	12,824.67		12,824.67	887.36	
Municipal Indebtedness	89,000.00			89,000.00	89,000.00		89,000.00		
County Dog Tax			3,505.20	3,505.20	3,492.60		3,492.60		12.60
Bills Payable			200.00	200.00	189.05		189.05	10.95	

AGENCY TRUSTS	Assessors Warrants	Revenue Orders	Overestimates from 1942	Underestimates To 1944	Total Credits	Expenditures	Underestimates from 1942	Overestimates to 1944	Total Debits
State Tax	$30,450.00				$30,450.00	$30,450.00			$30,450.00
County Tax	43,324.31			2,386.28	45,710.59	45,710.59			45,710.59
County Tuberculosis Hospital Tax		10,571.89			10,571.89	10,571.89			10,571.89
Charles River Basin Tax	3,360.46			175.25	3,535.71	3,535.71			3,535.71
Metropolitan Park Tax	8,720.88			672.83	9,393.71	9,393.71			9,393.71
Metropolitan Sewer Tax	31,938.34			309.35	32,247.69	32,247.69			32,247.69
Metropolitan Water Tax	49,332.16			7,362.47	56,694.63	56,694.63			56,694.63
Smoke Inspection Service Tax	692.91				692.91	579.41		113.50	692.91
Water to Saugus Tax	550.00				550.00	550.00			550.00
State Audit of Municipal Accounts Tax	2,052.12				2,052.12	2,052.12			2,052.12
Canterbury Street Highway Tax			.17		.17	.17			.17#
State Examination of Retirement System Tax	147.60				147.60	147.60			147.60
TOTAL, AGENCY TRUSTS	$170,568.78	$10,571.89	$.17	$10,906.18	$192,047.02	$191,933.52		$113.50	$192,047.02

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TRUST FUNDS AND INCOME ACCOUNTS (In City Cash for Expenditure)	Balance from 1942	Income or Deposits to City	Credit Transfers	Total Credits	Expended	Paid to Funds	Total Debits	Balance to 1944
Memorial Hall:								
John C. F. Slayton Organ Fund-Income		$ 400.00		$ 400.00		$400.00	$ 400.00	
Welfare:								
A. C. Marie Currier Fund-Income	$ 930.12	851.47		1,781.59	1,444.84		1,444.84	336.75
Toothaker Fund	57.99			57.99	57.99		57.99	
School:								
Levi S. Gould Fund-Income	448.30	20.00		468.30	21.81		21.81	446.49
N. F. Hesseltine Fund-Income	2.79	2.00		4.79				4.79
Community Civics Fund-Income	60.53	1.00		61.53				61.53
Library:								
Bailey Fund - Income	130.00	50.00		180.00	6.71		6.71	173.29
Wm. E. Barrett Fund-Income	264.78	1.50		266.28				266.28
N. N. Perkins Fund-Income	84.56	10.00		94.56				94.56
Lennie A. White Fund	118.84			118.84				118.84
Duplicate Fund	96.91	74.49		171.40	81.52		81.52	89.88
Park:								
S. E. Chever Fund-Income	347.10	30.00		377.10				377.10
Cemetery:								
Perpetual Care Fund-Income	675.48	6,780.78	763.52	8,219.78	6,532.17		6,532.17	1,687.61
Flower Fund-Income	21.55	34.38		55.93	47.15		47.15	8.78
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS AND INCOME ACCOUNTS	$3,238.95	$8,255.62	$763.52	$12,258.09	$8,192.19	$400.00	$8,592.19	$3,665.90

Account	Outstanding from 1942	Committed and Foreclosures	Refunds and Transfers	Tax Titles Taken and Adjustments	Total Charges	Collected	Abated and Apportioned	Added to Tax Titles	Adjustment Foreclosures and Disclaimers	Total Credits	Outstanding to 1944
Poll, Personal and Real Estate Taxes	$154,149.39	$1,135,659.48	$2,012.93	$ 29.08	$1,291,850.88	$1,173,458.08	$12,864.38	$6,907.70	$ 79.44	$1,193,309.60	$98,541.28
Motor Vehicle Excise	513.10	44,298.89	543.77		45,355.76	42,880.66	1,776.89			44,657.55	698.21
Committed Interest	659.14	2,278.71			2,937.85	2,259.96	44.45	240.78	.88	2,546.07	391.78
Tax Titles	11,135.57			8,114.51	19,250.08	7,274.27			3,430.84	10,705.11	8,544.97
City Possessions	32,066.00	3,477.99		457.65	36,001.64	854.50				854.50	35,147.14
Accounts Receivable	16,842.27	107,175.40	5.01		124,022.68	111,919.50	3,444.36			115,363.86	8,658.82
Water Rates	7,495.90	102,022.99	299.50	17.07	109,835.46	96,840.93	399.72		13.06	97,253.71	12,581.75
Assessments:											
Sewers-Unapportioned		2,382.17			2,382.17		2,382.17			2,382.17	
-Deferred		1,892.05			1,892.05	1,892.05				1,892.05	
-Added 1941	288.91				288.91	151.67		137.24		288.91	
-Added 1942	1,098.60				1,098.60	553.37	32.76	408.19	5.57	999.89	98.71
-Added 1943		4,926.32			4,926.32	3,986.34	93.97			4,080.31	846.01
Sidewalks-Unapportioned	122.47	3,610.77			3,733.24		3,733.24			3,733.24	
-Deferred		1,956.56			1,956.56	1,956.56				1,956.56	
-Added 1941	54.08				54.08	54.08				54.08	
-Added 1942	353.37				353.37	298.17		14.94		313.11	40.26
-Added 1943		2,045.50			2,045.50	1,798.92			5.96	1,804.88	240.62
Street-Unapportioned		4,845.33			4,845.33		4,845.33			4,845.33	
-Deferred		2,065.87			2,065.87	2,065.87				2,065.87	
-Added 1941	175.84				175.84	114.42		61.42		175.84	
-Added 1942	344.65				344.65	277.74		45.26		323.00	21.65
-Added 1943		2,874.22		5.96	2,880.18	2,677.79	10.43			2,688.22	191.96

Account	Balance from 1942	Receipts	Transfers	Total Credits	Paid and Refunded	Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to 1944
Treasurer-Collector-Petty Cash		$ 150.00		$ 150.00	$ 150.00		$ 150.00	
Temporary Loans	$100,000.00	400,000.00		500,000.00	500,000.00		500,000.00	
Grants and Gifts-County Dog Tax		2,859.97		2,859.97		$ 2,859.97	2,859.97	
Tailings Account	619.70	3.23		622.93	1.00		1.00	621.93
Estimated Receipts:								
Departmental Non-committed		210,866.32		210,866.32	28.58	210,837.74	210,866.32	
Deposit Accounts:								
Private Sewers		990.00		990.00	765.00		765.00	225.00
Individual Walks	30.00	619.00		649.00	649.00		649.00	
Water Inside Services		3,219.00		3,219.00	3,114.00		3,114.00	105.00
Deductions for Purchase of Defense Bonds	1,629.07	12,331.51		13,960.58	11,892.15		11,892.15	2,068.43
Deductions for Victory and Withholding Taxes		46,379.88		46,379.88	46,379.88		46,379.88	
Cemetery Trust Fund-Receipts Account	5.00	8,385.00	278.00	8,668.00	8,668.00		8,668.00	
Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves, Receipts Account		7,522.50	1,088.50	8,611.00	8,611.00		8,611.00	
Cemetery Flower Fund-Receipts Account		500.00		500.00	500.00		500.00	

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen;

The report of the City Clerk's Department for the year 1943 follows:

The amount of fees received by the City Clerk for official services from January 1, 1943,to December 31, 1943, inclusive, was as follows:

For recording marriage certificates.....	$554.00
For recording and indexing dog licenses.....	347.80
For recording and indexing hunting, fishing and trapping licenses.....	71.00
For licenses for the keeping, storage and sale of gasoline and other inflammable materials and for filing certificates of registration of such licenses.....	1,220.50
For copies of records, etc.....	424.85
For recording and indexing mortgages of personal property and other instruments.....	432.59
For miscellaneous licenses.....	532.00
Total Receipts.....	$3,582.74
Less refunds	20.00
Total Net Receipts paid into City Treasury.....	$3,562.74

The sum of $3,832.00 has been received by this department for dog licenses issued from January 1, 1943, to December 31,1943,inclusive, in the following numbers and amounts:

For 980 Male Dogs at $2.00 each.....	$1,960.00
For 118 Female Dogs at $5.00 each.....	590.00
*For 643 Spayed Female Dogs at $2.00 each....	1,282.00
Total received for Dog Licenses.....	$3,832.00

*Two licenses for spayed female dogs were issued without charge for Seeing-Eye Dogs.

Of the above amount, $3,484.20 has been paid to the County of Middlesex and $347.80, representing Clerk's fees, has been paid into the City Treasury.

The sum of $606.50 has been received for fishing, hunting and trapping licenses issued from January 1, 1943, to December 31, 1943, inclusive, in the following numbers and amounts:

Resident Citizen Fishing licenses,121 @$2.00 ea...	$242.00
Resident Citizen Hunting licenses, 95 @ 2.00 ea...	190.00

Resident Citizen Sporting licenses,	34 @	$3.25	ea...	$110.50
Resident Citizen Female and Minor Fishing licenses, -	30 @	1.25	ea...	37.50
Resident Citizen Trapping licenses,	3 @	5.25	ea...	15.75
Resident Citizen (over 70) Sporting licenses, -	29	-	free.	00.00
Non-Resident Citizen Hunting "	1 @	10.25	ea...	10.25
Duplicate licenses,	1 @	.50	ea...	.50
Resident Citizen Old-Age Assistance Fishing licenses,	1	-	free.	00.00
Resident Citizen Military or Naval Service Sporting licenses,	16	-	free.	00.00
Total				$606.50

Of the above amount, $535.50 has been paid to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Fisheries and Game, and $71.00, representing Clerk's fees, has been paid into the City Treasury.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded

Children born in Melrose of Melrose Parents.....	269
Children born outside of Melrose of Melrose Parents...	176
Children born in Melrose of non-resident parents.....	365
Total number of births recorded.....	810

Marriages Recorded

Both Parties Resident and solemnized in Melrose.....	56
Both Parties Resident and solemnized elsewhere in state	18
Both Parties Resident and solemnized out of state.....	1
One Party Resident and solemnized in Melrose.....	96
One Party Resident and solemnized elsewhere in state..	100
One Party Resident and solemnized out of state.....	7
Both Parties non-resident and solemnized in Melrose...	14
Total number of marriages recorded.....	292

Deaths Recorded

Melrose Residents occurring in Melrose.....	265
Melrose Residents occurring elsewhere.....	77
Non-residents occurring in Melrose.....	76
Total number of deaths recorded.....	418

During the year the department has continued its efforts to keep current the military service records which have been maintained since the inception of the existing war emergency. At the present the total number of names of which there is a record is 2,752, which includes both those who were residents of Melrose at the time of entering service and those who were residents of other communities at the time of entering, but whose families have since come to Melrose to reside. Of those who were resi-

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dents of Melrose at the time of entering service, 2,290 are now on active duty, 142 have been discharged and 24 have been killed in action or have died while in service. Of those who were living elsewhere at the time of entering service, 220 are still on active duty, 10 have been discharged and one has died while in service.

The existence of these records has made is possible to comply, in great degree, with various provisions of law relating to those who are in military or naval service, especially new legislation enacted during the current year. In conformity with the law which requires the City Clerk to send to all voters in the armed forces applications for absent voting ballots for the city election, 1,016 such applications were sent for the election held this year. Of these 156 were returned requesting ballots and the same were sent to the addresses named in the applications. Ballots were also sent to 23 residents serving in the armed forces for which applications were made by their relatives, in accordance with Chapter 390 of the Acts of 1943. Of the number of ballots thus sent, 91 were returned before the close of the polls on the day of the election and were counted.

The information contained in the military service record lists has also been available to church, civic and fraternal organizations for their use in maintaining contact with those in the armed forces. It is further believed that it will prove of considerable value in the compiling of any record of an historical nature having to do with the contribution made by this city to the services during the present war.

Respectfully yours,

Raymond W. Groves

City Clerk.

REPORT OF THE CITY PHYSICIAN

Honorable Carl A. Raymond, Mayor and
Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen: -

The following is my report as City Physician for the year 1943, from January 1st - October 15th inclusive. I resigned the position as City Physician on October 15th to enter the United States Navy.

Visits of Inspection and Consultation	45
Vaccinations	42
Visits for Police Department	2
Visits for Public Works Department	1

Visits made for Department of Public Welfare:

Hospital visits	21
House visits	275
Office visits	310

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick A. Dunham

Frederick A. Dunham, M.D.
City Physician.

REPORTS OF CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

The Honorable Mayor and
Board of Aldermen,
City Hall,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my reports as City Treasurer and Collector for the year 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Homer Buttrick
City Treasurer-Collector

CITY TREASURER
CASH STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1943

Cash in Bank and Office, January 1, 1943	$ 327,879.74
Receipts, January 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943	2,247,327.55
	$2,575,207.29
Payments January 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943	$2,286,713.97
Balance Cash in Bank and Office December 31, 1943	288,493.32
	$2,575,207.29

LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES

Authorized by Order No. 5683	$400,000.00
Notes Paid	400,000.00
Balance due in 1944	--- --
Rate of discount	.465%

TAX TITLE ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1943	$ 11,135.57	
Added during 1943	8,114.51	$ 19,250.08
Redemptions and Foreclosures	$ 10,705.11	
Balance December 31, 1943	8,544.97	$ 19,250.08

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

	Cash	Securities	Total
In fund January 1, 1943	$26,353.97	$165,555.00	$ 191,908.97
In fund December 31, 1943	28,441.24	171,930.00	200,371.24

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Securities matured or sold:			
Public Service N.H.	$ 5,000.00		
Pennsylvania R.R.	3,000.00		
No. Indiana Public Serv.	5,000.00	$13,000.00	
City of Melrose: Collections		8,623.00	
Premiums on bonds sold		693.02	
Cash on hand January 1, 1943			
Savings Banks	24,000.00		
Trust Company	2,353.15		
Cash undeposited	.82	26,353.97	$48,669.99

Payments

Securities purchased:			
Luzerne County G & E Co.	$ 2,000.00		
Public Service N.H.	5,000.00		
U.S.Government War Bonds	3,000.00		
Marion Reserve Power Co.	2,000.00		
No. Indiana Public Service	5,000.00		
10 shares Newton Trust Co.	395.00		
6 shares Merchants Natl. Bank, Boston	1,980.00	19,375.00	
Premiums on bonds purchased		853.75	
Cash on hand December 31, 1943			
Savings Bank	23,500.00		
Melrose Trust Company	4,941.24	28,441.24	$48,669.99

INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance January 1, 1943	$ 466.07	
Income from Securities	6,485.70	$ 6,951.77

Payments

Interest paid on securities purchased	$ 46.49	
Melrose Trust Company Box Rent	12.00	
City of Melrose	6,780.78	
Balance December 31, 1943	112.50	$ 6,951.77

LIST OF SECURITIES IN FUND

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Rwy.	$ 6,000.00
Penn. Rwy.	8,000.00
C. B. & Q. R. R.	5,000.00
New York Central Rwy.	6,000.00
So. Pacific Rwy.	3,000.00
Boston & Albany Rwy.	8,000.00
Atlantic Coast Line Rwy.	3,000.00
Boston Terminal	8,000.00
Louisville & Nashville Rwy.	7,000.00
Chesapeake & Ohio Rwy.	5,000.00
Union Pacific Rwy.	5,000.00
Great Northern Rwy.	2,000.00
Cambria & Clearfield Rwy.	5,000.00
Hollidaysburg, Bedford & Cumb. Rwy.	2,000.00
So. Pacific Oregon	5,000.00
Central Vermont Public Serv.	4,000.00
Brooklyn Edison	2,000.00

Boston Edison Co.	$10,000.00	
WisconsinPower & Light	5,000.00	
Pacific Gas & Elec	7,000.00	
Brooklyn Union Gas	5,000.00	
No. Indiana Public Serv	5,000.00	
Jersey Central Pwr. Lt	5,000.00	
Wisconsin Pub. Serv	5,000.00	
Public Service N. H.	5,000.00	
Southwestern Bell Tel	2,000.00	
Central Maine Power	5,000.00	
New York Edison	4,000.00	
Toledo Edison	3,000.00	
Luzerne County Gas & Elec	2,000.00	
Marion Reserve Power	2,000.00	
100 shares First NationlBank, Boston	3,875.00	
100 shares National Shawmut Bank, Boston	2,475.00	
34 shares Newton Trust Company	1,600.00	
6 shares Merchants National Bank, Boston	1,980.00	
U. S. Government War Bonds	9,000.00	
American Tel. & Tel. Co	4,000.00	$171,930.00
Cash, Savings Banks & Trust Co		28,441.24
Total in Fund		$200,371.24

FUNDS HELD BY THE CITY TREASURER

REPORT OF ADELE C. M. D. CURRIER FUND

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Amount in Fund December 31, 1943		$ 24,546.48
Securities:		
U.S.Government Treasury Notes 4½%	$15,000.00	
New York Central R. R. 4½%	2,000.00	
Louisville-Nashville R.R. 3 3/4%	1,000.00	
1 Share Northern Railroad	100.00	
Malden Savings Bank	829.98	
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank	619.77	
Eliot SavingsBank	647.01	
Melrose Savings Bank	4,349.72	$ 24,546.48

INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1943	$ 410.22	
Income from Investments	910.17	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 816.47
Melrose Trust Company Box Rent		6.00
Balance December 31, 1943		497.92
	$ 1,320.39	$ 1,320.39

NORMAN HESSELTINE FUND

In fund January 1, 1943	$ 100.00	
Interest	2.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 2.00
Balance December 31, 1943		100.00
	$ 102.00	$ 102.00

COMMUNITY CIVICS FUND

In fund January 1, 1943	$ 50.00	
Interest	1.00	
Paid City of Melrose		1.00
Balance December 31, 1943		50.00
	$ 51.00	$ 51.00

WYOMING CEMETERY FLOWER FUND

Principal Account

In fund January 1, 1943	$ 1,719.25	
Added to fund	500.00	
Balance December 31, 1943		$ 2,219.25
	$ 2,219.25	$ 2,219.25

Income Account

Interest received 1943	$ 34.38	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 34.38
	$ 34.38	$ 34.38

SARAH E. FITCH FUND

Balance January 1, 1943	$ 29.02	
Refund	5.00	
Interest	.58	$ 34.60
Balance December 31, 1943	$ 34.60	$ 34.60

SALE OF LOTS & GRAVES

Wyoming Cemetery

Balance January 1, 1943	$ 8,537.66	
Collections 1943	8,556.00	
Interest	143.56	
Balance December 31, 1943		$ 17,237.22
	$17,237.22	$ 17,237.22

100TH ANNIVERSARY TOWN OF MELROSE

Balance January 1, 1943	$ 95.44	
Interest	1.91	
Balance December 31, 1943		$ 97.35
	$ 97.35	$ 97.35

CITY OF MELROSE

Rehabilitation Fund

U.S.Government Series G 12 years	$100,000.00	
Uninvested	50,000.00	
Total in fund December 31, 1943		$150,000.00
	$150,000.00	$150,000.00

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MEMORIAL BUILDING

Dividends received 1943	$ 400.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 400.00
	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

WILLIAM EMERSON BARRETT FUND

Balance January 1, 1943	$ 75.00	
Interest	1.50	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 1.50
Balance December 31, 1943		75.00
	$ 76.50	$ 76.50

HORATIO NELSON PERKINS FUND

Balance January 1, 1943	$ 500.00	
Interest	10.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 10.00
Balance December 31, 1943		500.00
	$ 510.00	$ 510.00

WILLIAM BAILEY FUND

In fund January 1, 1943	$ 2,500.00	
Interest	50.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 50.00
Balance December 31, 1943		2,500.00
	$ 2,550.00	$ 2,550.00

SARAH E.CHEEVER FUND

Balance January 1, 1943	$ 1,500.00	
Interest	30.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 30.00
Balance December 31, 1943		1,500.00
	$ 1,530.00	$ 1,530.00

LEVI S. GOULD FUND

In fund January 1, 1943	$ 1,000.00	
Interest	20.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 20.00
Balance December 31, 1943		1,000.00
	$ 1,020.00	$ 1,020.00

MARGARET BAKEMAN WING

MEMORIAL AWARD FUND

Balance in fund July 1, 1943	$ 1.39	
Income	4.50	
Balance December 31, 1943		$ 5.89
	$ 5.89	$ 5.89

BONDS AND NOTES OF THE CITY OF MELROSE OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 1943

and amounts maturing each year until paid

YEAR	SURFACE DRAINAGE	SCHOOL	SEWER	CITY HALL ALTERATION	TOTAL
1944	$ 2,000	$ 51,000	$ 16,000	$ 3,000	$ 72,000
1945	2,000	44,000	14,000		60,000
1946	1,000	34,000	14,000		49,000
1947			14,000		14,000
1948			14,000		14,000
TOTALS.....	$ 5,000	$129,000	$ 72,000	$ 3,000	$209,000

COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1943

Tax	1941 Polls (Overlay)	$ 2.00		
	Personal	174.43		
	Real Estate	14,413.75	$ 14,590.18	
	1942 Polls	100.00		
	Personal	1,285.16		
	Real Estate	120,816.39	122,201.55	
	1943 Polls	13,120.00		
	Personal	76,506.59		
	Real Estate	947,041.76	1,036,668.35	$1,173,460.08
Motor Vehicle Excise	1941 (Estimated)			
	(Receipts)		14.17	
	1941		8.77	
	1942		392.92	
	1943		42,478.97	
	1942 (Int.)		3.43	
	1943 "		23.81	42,922.07
Sewer Assessments - Apportioned			6,583.43	
Sidewalk " - "			4,107.73	
Street " - "			5,135.82	15,826.98
Collector's Receipts				1,193.75
Committed Interest -	1941		113.98	
	1942		243.59	
	1943		1,902.39	2,259.96
General Interest -	1941		1,196.45	
	1942		2,840.08	
	1943		273.56	
	1942 (Poll)		1.98	
	1943 "		15.56	
	1942 (Assessment)		20.08	
	1943 "		7.92	4,355.63
Water -	1939		10.52	
	1940		123.85	
	1941		772.16	
	1942		27,653.46	
	1943		68,280.94	96,840.93
Public Works Department:				
Private Sewer			387.86	
Private Service Sewer			530.08	
Water Inside Service			979.66	
Private Service Water			2,343.51	
Sale of Garbage			7,669.00	
Individual Walks			639.93	
Highway Repairing			12.50	
Hydrant Rentals			9,940.00	
City Hall Rentals			900.00	23,402.54
Public Welfare Department:				
Old Age Assistance			56,016.64	
Outside Relief			11,026.03	
Aid to Dependent Children			6,498.61	73,541.28
Health Department:				
Quarantine and Contagious Diseases			235.75	
Tuberculosis			4,938.13	5,173.88
School Department:				
Tuition			3,633.15	
Rentals			116.46	3,749.61
Memorial Building				1,749.50

Police Department:		
Ambulance Fund		205.30
Assessing Department		88.48
Cemetery Department:		
Perpetual Care	278.00	
Annual Care	74.91	
Sale of Lots & Graves	1,088.50	
Tomb Hire	6.00	
Interment	22.00	
Miscellaneous	15.00	1,484.41
		$1,446,254.40

Respectfully submitted,

Treasurer-Collector.

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To His Honor the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith respectfully submit the annual report of the Dog Officer for the year of 1943.

Complaints received and investigated of barking dogs	25
Complaints received and investigated of vicious dogs	18
Complaints received and investigated of biting dogs	57
Other complaints received and investigated	24

Number of dogs licensed in Melrose as of Dec.31,1943
Males-------980------Females------118------Spayed----643
also included in above total are two seeing eye dogs, license issued free.

Financial Statement

Appropriation for Dog Officer	25.00
Expended for investigation and other fees	
Total balance	25.00

Respectfully submitted,

Louis B. Heaton

Louis B. Heaton,
Dog Officer.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Carl A. Raymond, Mayor,
and Honorable Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen;

I respectfully submit the following annual report of the Melrose Fire Department for the year 1943.

Organization

The Fire Department consists of Four Companies, and are as follows. Engine Co. No. 1, Engine Co. No. 2, Engine Co. No. 3, Aerial Ladder Co. No. 1.

Personnel

The permanant force of the Melrose Fire Department consists of Chief Engineer, Three Captains, Three lieutenants, Master Mechanic, Twenty Nine Privates. Call force consists of Five Privates.

Equipment

The department consists of the following equipment. One Chief's car, two 750-gallon pumping engines, one 350-gallon pumping engine, one city service ladder truck, one aerial ladder truck with full and complete fire fighting and emergency equipment, one service truck and lighting plant with full and complete equipment for all emergencies, one brush-fire wagon with full and complete equipment, one horse-drawn sleigh. The Department has full and complete special extinguishing agents and other appliances for fire fighting and other emergency work.

Hose

Number of feet of perfect 2½-inch hose..... 10500 ft.
Number of feet of perfect 1½-inch hose..... 4300 ft.
Number of feet of perfect Booster hose..... 2600 ft.

The department tests all hose annually at 200 lbs. pressure.

Hose condemed in 1943 is as follows: 250 feet of 2½ inch hose, 50 feet of 1½ inch hose, 550 feet of Booster hose.

Alarms and Special Calls

Total number of bell alarms.....	136
Total number of still alarms.....	287
Total number of emergency calls.....	78
Apparatus called out of City.....	37
False alarms.....	7
Total.....	545

Apparatus called out of the City to the following Towns and City.

Wakefield,	number of calls	17
Malden,	number of calls	9
Stoneham,	number of calls	6
Saugus,	number of calls	5
	Total	37

Inspections

Number of Building Inspections	2470
Number of Oil Burner Inspections	202

Fire Loss on Buildings and Contents

Number of buildings damaged	26
Value of buildings	$118,700.00
Loss on buildings	16,424.60
Insurance on buildings	168,600.00
Insurance paid on buildings	16,424.60
Value of contents	71,700.00
Loss on contents	3,366.37
Insurance on contents	68,700.00
Insurance paid on contents	3,116.37
Total fire loss	19,790.97
Total insurance paid	19,540.97

Assessed value of buildings in City	$32,665,400.00
Building fire loss 1943	16,424.60

This record represents the lowest building fire loss in the history of the city. These figures are from records that are available.

Equipment Used, Hose, Ladders, etc.

Number of feet of 2½-inch hose laid	17,000
Number of feet of 1½-inch hose laid	10,150
Number of feet of ladders used	2,904
Number of covers used	54
Number of gallons of chemical used	3
Number of gallons of foamite used	9
Number of pounds of CO 2 used	91
Number of pounds of dugas used	35
Number of feet of lighting plant wire used	1,175
Number of tanks of oxygen used	26
Gas masks used	120 min.
Diving suit used	1
Inhalator used	7 hrs. 10 min.
Total pump operation	60 hrs. 30 min.

Special Work

Pump out cellars	7
To open locked doors	24
To remove cats from trees	15
Rescue man under building	1
Gas leaks	5
Leaking refrigerators	8

Water leaks	4
Faulty Oil burners	4
Over-flowed oil tanks	5
Drownings	1
Broken glass in street	1
Rescue person, gas inhalation	1
Street accidents	6
Suicides	2
Lead poisoning	1
Heart cases	2
Roof leaks	2
Release girl from washing machine	1
Investigate heater trouble	8
Repair flag poles	15
Thawing water pipes	6

Work Shop

The Department repair shop has been very active at all times. The fire fighting apparatus and equipment is getting older each year and requires much more attention to keep in perfect working order. The building of trailers to carry the new 500 gallon pumps assigned to the Department from Federal Office of Civilian Defense has been one of the duties of the work shop, also the maintenance of all the equipment from the Office of Civilian Defense.

The Department has continued to drill and train the large group of Auxiliary Firemen. This group of men have continued to show a great deal of interest and certainly would be of great help in any emergency. The Department has a number of its personnel who have and are giving instructions and lectures to the different groups in fire prevention and air raid precaution work. We have given many demonstrations to civic groups and to the school children.

Conclusion

I desire to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to His Honor the Mayor, the Honorable Board of Aldermen, and to the Police and other City Departments for their assistance and cooperation in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Fire Department.

To the officers and members of the Fire Department who rendered efficient service at all hours of the day and night, I wish to extend my sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Sidney C. Field
Chief of Department

REPORT OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT

Calendar Year 1943

It seems difficult for me to make up much of a report on the activities of the Law Department without it seeming to be the same as other reports.

There have been a number of suits brought against the City in connection with accident cases and I have on behalf of the City brought suits in all cases that have been sent to me for attention where suit was required. There are a number of these pending in various courts. Two cases have gone to the Supreme Judicial Court which may be of interest. The case of Kenney vs The Building Commissioner was tried and won before a Judge in the Superior Court but the Supreme Judicial Court held that the ordinances did not forbid the building of a conservatory on residential property.

The Trustees of the Public Library brought a petition in the Supreme Judicial Court for instructions to decide whether or not the Library Trustees or the City Treasurer should have custody of funds left under certain wills for the benefit of the library. There has not yet been a decision on this case.

The City recovered over $1000. in connection with a Welfare case and has recovered various smaller amounts in connection with tuition and damage to City property. The Welfare Department has been relieved of paying benefits, by court action, where children of the recipient were able to pay.

Considerable work was done regarding a set of rules for the Police Department and also some work in connection with a set of rules for the Board of Health.

A good deal of work has been done in connection with the re-codification of the Charter and Ordinances, which will be completed during next year. There has been the usual run of more or less routine matters involving opinions for various departments, hearings on tax appeal cases and Land Court matters. No expense has been incurred for outside counsel during the year and the total miscellaneous expense of the Department was approximately $100.

As in the past, I have had the full co-operation of all departments and I have assisted the various department heads whenever possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry E Cryan

CITY SOLICITOR

REPORT OF MEMORIAL BUILDING TRUSTEES

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Memorial Building herewith submit their annual report for the year 1943.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Salaries & Wages:			
	Appropriation	$4,000.00	
	Expended	3,587.81	
	Balance		$ 412.19
Other Expenses:			
	Appropriation	2,200.00	
	Expended	1,869.64	
	Balance		$ 330.36

In December the death of Commander Robinson occurred. For some years he has been the last Melrose veteran of the Civil War, so rightly was one of the Trustees of the building dedicated as a memorial to the Soldiers and Sailors. Though not active in public life during the past few years, he was keenly interested in the affairs and activities of the Patriotic Societies. He had a host of friends in this City and his passing is regretted in many circles.

There were 30 engagements of the Memorial Hall, 84 engagements in the G.A.R. Hall by regular rentors, and 61 engagements by the various Defense organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

TRUSTEES MEMORIAL BUILDING

Leon H. Palmer

Chairman

REPORT OF PARK DEPARTMENT

To His Honor, the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen;

The 34th Annual Report of the Park Commission is herewith submitted.

Attached is the Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Department. This report, together with the financial statement also enclosed, gives in considerable detail the Department's operations, activities, and expenses.

Under war time conditions only necessary maintenance and minor improvements have been possible.

The Commission feels that a start toward improvement of the Athletic Field should not be longer postponed and urge consideration of their request for 1944 work in order that at least some part of the project may be done.

The Department has been operated with a reduced force, but by careful planning of the work, the cooperation of the Superintendent and all members of the Department, we feel that the result of the year's work has been in the best interests of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

MELROSE PARK COMMISSION

Warren L. Hinchman Chairman

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PLAYGROUND ATTENDANCE

Location	Daily Average	Season Total
Lincoln	151	7,169
Common	103	4,631
Lebanon	74	3,356
Hesseltine	70	3,171
Gooch	91	4,184
Messenger's	46	2,079
Workshop Boys	17	544
Workshop Girls	19	617
Bathhouse		6,327
Tennis Courts - Blvd., Est.		25,000
Common "		5,000
Lincoln "		4,000
Messenger's(Not open)		- - -
Special Play Days - Field Day		800
City Pet Show		150
		67,028

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Golf Course

There were 16,856 rounds of golf played against 33,823 in 1942. It will be noted that our receipts were $1403.35 greater than our expenditures; the sources of revenue were as follows: -

Memberships	$3,286.00
Daily Fees	4,450.60
Locker Rentals	407.50
Transient Lockers, etc.	210.58
Hall Rentals	131.00
Fireplace Permits	35.25
Office Rental	794.88
	$9,315.81

George W. Rogers, Supt., Clerk

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

General Administration - Salaries & Wages

Appropriation		$ 4,000.00
Transferred from "Mt. Hood Park Receipts"		900.00
		$ 4,900.00
Expenditures: -		
Payrolls	$ 4,886.66	
Unexpended Balance	$ 13.34	

General Administration - Other Expenses

Appropriation		$ 435.00
Expenditures: -		
Office Supplies	$ 215.88	
Printing	73.73	
Insurance	46.75	
Telephone	95.27	
	$ 431.63	
	$ 3.37	

All Other Expenses

Appropriation		$ 4,000.00
Service Transfer & Refunds		40.94
		$ 4,040.94
Expenditures: -		
Automotive Insurance & Inspections	$ 144.48	
Labor Insurance	253.75	
Automobive Parts and Supplies	700.62	
Printing and Advertising	70.59	
Playground Supplies & Tennis Tapes	345.00	
First Aid and Disinfectant	100.41	
Plants - Seeds - Supplies	52.96	
Tools - Repairs	299.92	
Paint - Hardware - Lumber	329.85	
Telephone and Electricity	98.18	
Repair Buildings and Flags	253.78	
Water	244.16	
Fuel	241.17	
Aggregate Materials	177.85	
Rent	35.00	
Lumber	22.37	
	$ 3,370.09	
Unexpended Balance	$ 670.85	

All Other Salaries and Wages

Appropriation		$15,000.00
Credit		14.05
		$15,014.05
Transferred to "Holidays"		27.34
		$14,986.71
Expenditures: -		
Payrolls	$13,617.39	
Unexpended Balance	1,369.32	

Melrose Athletic Field - Maintenance and Operation

Appropriation.		$ 2,000.00
Expenditures		
Services and Insurance.	$ 1,099.95	
Aggregate Materials.	36.46	
Lumber - Tools Repairing.	78.27	
Water.	.71	
	$ 1,215.39	
Unexpended Balance	784.61	

Bleachers - Athletic Field

Balance from 1942.		$ 532.07
Expenditures: -		
Paint.	$ 345.92	
Balance carried to 1944.	$ 186.15	

Entrance Gate

Balance from 1937	$ 25.00
Same carried to 1944	

Field House - Melrose Common

Balance from 1937	$ 48.49
Same carried to 1944	

Field House - Messengers' Meadow

Balance from 1937	$ 50.00
Same carried to 1944	

Holidays

Appropriation Transfer from "All Other Salaries& Wages.		$ 27.34
Expenditures.	$ 27.34	

Golf Maintenance and Operation

Appropriation Transfer from "Mt. Hood Park Receipts".		$11,600.00
Credits - Refunds - Service Transfers.		407.15
		$12,007.15
Expenditures: -		
Services.	$ 6,341.47	
Bonds and Insurance	137.16	
Printing and Advertising.	48.87	
Golf Supplies	135.82	
Automotive Parts & Supplies	358.22	
Tools-Repairs & Equipment	283.13	
Paint and Hardware.	36.44	
Grass Seed & Fertilizer	27.27	
Aggregate Materials	409.45	
Water	1.57	
Laundry and Soap.	112.86	
Golf Prizes	20.00	
	$ 7,912.26	
To "Mt.Hood Park Receipts"	$ 4,094.89	

Labor Vacation and Insurance

Appropriation.		$ 1,000.00
Expenditures: -		
Vacation and Insurance.	$ 962.18	
Unexpended Balance	$ 37.82	

Lebanon Street Playground

Balance from 1942.		$ 43.10
Expenditures: -		
Services and Insurance.	$ 22.75	
Unexpended Balance	20.35	

Lights - Ell Pond Knoll

Appropriation.		$ 90.00
Expenditures.	$ 1.73	
Unexpended Balance	$ 88.27	

Recreation Building - Ell Pond

Balance from 1939.	$ 2,811.71
Same carried to 1944	

Rental Office		
Appropriation.		$ 900.00
Transferred to "Mt. Hood Park Receipts"		794.88
		$ 105.12
Expenditures: -		
Office Quarters & Lights.	$ 105.12	
W. P. A. Parks and Playgrounds		
Balance from 1941.		$ 5,118.22
Expenditures: -		
Tennis Court Surface-Gate Posts . . .	$ 587.80	
To Mt. Hood Park Receipts. . . .	$ 4,530.42	
Operation Recreation Building		
Appropriation Transfer from "Mt.Hood Park Receipts. . . .		$ 1,500.00
Transferred from "Mt. Hood Park Receipts"		794.88
		$ 2,294.88
Expenditures: -		
Services and Insurance.	$ 501.21	
Electricity	96.10	
Fuel Oil.	233.07	
Printing.	9.49	
Janitor & Building Supplies	196.27	
Water.	84.04	
	$ 1,120.18	
To "Mt. Hood Park Receipts. . . .	$ 1.174.70	

REPORT OF PINE BANKS PARK

Cash on hand December 31, 1943 in First National Bank, Savings Department, as shown by Pass Book #15223 with interest to September 5, 1943..... $ 764.94

	1943		
Appropriations			
City of Malden			
Wages.....	$ 2,200.00		
Bills.....	1,000.00	$ 3,200.00	
City of Melrose			
Wages.....	2,000.00		
Plus cost of living.....	268.86		
Bills.....	1,000.00	3,268.86	
Total both Cities.....			$ 6,468.86
Special appropriation for dump truck but not spent on account of the war and being unable to get one			
City of Malden.....		600.00	
City of Melrose.....		600.00	$ 1,200.00
Expenditures			
Pay Rolls			
City of Malden.....		$ 2,196.08	
City of Melrose.....		2,342.12	
		$ 4,538.20	
Sundry Bills			
Telephone.....		52.83	
Electricity.....		12.06	
Insurance.....		219.09	
Taxes (Water).....		13.54	
Auto Expenses.....		432.01	
Hardware & Supplies.....		616.92	
Feed & Grain for animals...		220.14	
Coal, Fertilizer & Seeds...		210.03	
Ice.....		57.17	
Total.....			$ 6,371.99
Expended by Malden....$ 3,186.51			
Expended by Melrose... 3,185.48			
Total.....		$ 6,371.99	
Unexpended Balances			
City of Malden.....$ 13.49			
City of Melrose.... 83.38		96.87	
Amount appropriated.....		$ 6,468.86	

Savings Bank Balance 1943 - On Hand,	Dec. 31,	1942...	$706.60
Interest	Mar. 5,	1943...	3.46
Deposited.....	Jul. 12,	" ...	24.00
Deposited.....	Aug. 2,	" ...	12.00
Interest	Sep. 5,	" ...	3.58
Deposited.....	Sep. 24,	" ...	11.30
Deposited.....	Oct. 4,	" ...	4.00
			$764.94

Pine Banks Park

Robert A. Hodgdon Treas

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The Planning Board submits the following report for the year 1943.

Zoning - The permissive powers of the Planning Board in the matter of zoning restrictions were invoked on only one occasion during the year when permission was requested to build a greenhouse 60 feet long and 30 feet wide in the rear of the property at 160 Lincoln Street. The Planning Board and Building Commissioner, jointly, held a public hearing on April 15th at which the applicant explained his plans and several residents of the neighborhood spoke in opposition. At the conclusion of the hearing the Planning Board and Building Commissioner voted unanimously to deny the petition.

As a sequel to this action, although the Planning Board was not further involved, it should be noted for the record that this applicant afterward engaged the services of an architect who designed a combination garage and conservatory, much smaller than the proposed greenhouse,to be erected at the same location. The Building Commissioner refused to grant a permit for this construction without the procedure required by the ordinances for permission to build a greenhouse. Following this, a petition was brought in the Superior Court for a writ of mandamus against the Building Commissioner to compel him to issue the building permit. This petition was dismissed by the Superior Court but was then taken to the Supreme Court where the decision was reversed on an elaborate distinction between the words "greenhouse" and "conservatory".

Subdivision Regulations - Some work had been done in committee during 1942 on the preparation of a set of rules to govern the submission of plans for any proposed subdivision of land. The committee completed that work this year.

At the regular meeting on June 10th, the "Regulations for Subdivision of Land" were adopted and soon after were published in a 12-page, 8½ by 11-inch pamphlet. Copies of these pamphlets were sent to the Mayor, to each of the Board of Aldermen, and to the various administrative officers of the City. They are now available for general distribution to any interested party.

Ell Pond Area - The development of the Ell Pond area has been the concern of City Planning Boards for many years. At our regular meeting on March 11th, a committee which had been working on the accumulation of all available data relative to the conditions at Ell Pond presented their findings and suggested that a master plan be prepared which

would cover all of the City-owned land in the Ell Pond area. Adopting this suggestion, the Planning Board, after due consideration voted at the June 10th meeting to employ Mr. R. Newton Mayall of Boston to study the problem and prepare a plan which will serve as the basis for future development.

On April 5th, the Planning Board attended a joint meeting with the School Committee and Park Commission at which the subject of the Ell Pond area development was discussed. There was a large representation from each department and various ideas and interests were expressed by many of the group. The Planning Board idea for a master plan of the area was explained to the meeting and a request was made that the School Department and Park Commission each submit a written statement to the Planning Board setting forth any arrangement or plans which they should like to have included in the ultimate development.

Through all of our regular meetings for the year, the subject of the Ell Pond area has been an active one, there have been reports of sub-committees on soundings and water analyses, expert opinions on soil mechanics and reports on conferences with our consultant, Mr. Mayall. The Board has made good progress in this work and intends to pursue the same course until the master plan is completed.

High School Filling - Because of the Planning Board interest in the development of the Ell Pond area, the School Department requested an opinion relative to the ground conditions in front of the High School where a gradual subsidence, then totalling as much as two or three feet below the level of the walks and driveway, had created a dangerous situation.

After due consideration, the Board expressed the opinion that a limited amount of filling should be done immediately and that it would not conflict with any future plans now under consideration by this Board. At our May 13th meeting, we voted to write the Mayor and Board of Aldermen requesting favorable consideration of this project.

Post-War Planning - All over the nation an urgent warning is being sounded to get out the blueprints for post-war planning now. When victory comes there will be millions of men and women who will have to quit war production, other millions in our armed forces will be anxious and impatient for a return to their homes and civilian life. It will take months for industry to re-tool and make the transition which will furnish new peace-time jobs for most of these people.

It is hoped and expected that a well planned program of public works will contribute greatly to bridge the employment gap and save the country from a repetition of many of the mistakes that were made after the last war and during the more recent depression.

Governor Saltonstall has appointed an Emergency Public Works Commission to coordinate the thought and action for this important planning work in Massachusetts. He has

urged each local community to set up their own machinery and by cooperation with the State Commission to prepare a program which will meet the special requirements as they will develop in that locality after the war. In this connection, a communication from Mayor Raymond was presented to the Board at our September 9th meeting, by which he designated the Planning Board as the agency to administer the preparation of this program for the City of Melrose.

In compliance with this assignment, a sub-committee of the Board has interviewed the heads of the Cemetery, Fire, Park, Public Works and School Departments, discussed with them the various improvements which are needed in their respective branches and requested them to submit a written statement describing the several projects.

Preliminary reports have already been received and this work will continue into next year. It is hoped that an orderly program of lasting improvements will be produced that will be arranged in the correct order of its immediate value to the City and its lasting benefit to the whole community.

Despite the pressure of war work in our usual vocations and the added burden of emergency activities, the Planning Board members have given generously of their time to the work at hand. We view our work of the past year with satisfaction that definite progress has been made and we look forward to the coming year with confidence and courage.

We are very grateful, and we extend our sincere appreciation to the various city officials who have contributed to our accomplishments by their helpful cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

MELROSE PLANNING BOARD

by: Edward P Wells

Chairman

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hon.Carl Raymond,
Mayor of Melrose,
Melrose,Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Chapter 29 of the Revised Ordinances, I respectfully submit the annual report of the Melrose Police Department,for the year ending December 31,1943.

Number of duty calls reported	48310
Number of telephone calls	18392
Number of wagon calls	0
Number of ambulance calls	423

Arrests for the year 1943

Crimes against the person

Assault and Battery	5 Males	1 Female
Threats	1 Male	0 Female
	6 Males	1 Female

Crimes against the property

Malicious damage to property	11 Males	0 Female
Breaking and entering and larceny	6 Males	0 Female
Larceny	3 Males	0 Female
Using motor vehicle w/o authority	9 Males	0 Female
	29 Males	0 Female

Crimes against public order

Drunkeness	50 Males	4 Females
Viol of Ex Order 40 (Speeding)	2 Males	0 Females
Default warrants	6 Males	0 Females
Truants	1 Male	0 Females
Insane	9 Males	16 Females
Operating motor vehicle under infl	4 Males	0 Females
Viol of Probation	11 Males	3 Females
Non-Support	9 Males	0 Females
Exposing person	1 Male	0 Females
Motor vehicle violations	3 Males	0 Females

Disorderly conduct	4 Males	1 Female
Narcotic drug violations	4 Males	1 Female
Violation of milk laws	1 Male	0 Female
Child abandonment	1 Male	1 Female
Violation of health laws	1 Male	0 Female
Neglected children	4 Males	3 Females
Riding bicycle on sidewalk	2 Males	0 Female
Lewd and Lacivious behavior	1 Male	0 Female
Attempt to bribe an officer	1 Male	0 Female
Keeping unlicensed dog	2 Males	0 Females
Failure to furnish heat	1 Male	0 Female
	118 Males	29 Females

Miscellaneous work performed for the year, 1943

Arrests on warrants	67
Arrest without warrants	122
Total	189
Males	157
Females	30
Minors	10
Delinquents	33
Residents	136
Non-Residents	50
Insane Male	10
Insane Female	17
In court	393
Number of cases	323
Assisted in arrests	103
Accidents reported	172
Fatal accidents by motor vehicles	3
Fatal accidents otherwise	0
Ambulance cases	423
Automobiles stopped and warned	1110
Automobiles tagged	173
Buildings found open	234
Cases investigated	1965
Dead bodies found	1
Defective streets and sidewalks	38
Defective Hydrants and pipes	3
Defective wires	9
Disturbances suppressed	81
Dogs killed	6
Fire alarms attended	88
Fire alarms given	13
Fires extinguished without alarm	6
Lanterns hung in dangerous places	19
Letters delivered	359

Lost children restored	37
Notices served	40
Sick and injured persons assisted	106
Street lights reported out	119
Street obstructions reported or removed	20
Summonses served	365
Visits to libraries	12
Water leaks reported	20
Traffic duty hours performed	15935
Special messages delivered	489
Extra hours of duty performed	259
Dog bites reported	25
Dead annimals reported	52
Vacant houses investigated	971
Gallons of malt liquor seized	0
Gallons of spirituous liquor seized	0
Search warrants for gaming implements	0
Search warrants for liquor	0
Search warrants for stolen property	0
Automobiles stolen	12
Automobiles recovered	20
Amount of property recovered in city	5285.77
Amount of property stolen in city	4500.00
Lost and stolen property returned to owner	6850.27
Missing persons reported	22
Missing persons located	23
Gas leaks reported	1

Respectfully submitted,

Louis B. Heaton

Louis B.Heaton,
Captain in charge.

REPORT OF PROPERTY VALUATION BOARD

To His Honor, the Mayor and
Honorable Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The Property Valuation Board herewith submits its annual report for the year 1943.

During the year the following lots of land were disposed of.

Lot No. 24.25 Sylvan Street	$150.00
Lot No. 168,169 Boardman Avenue	75.00
Lot No. 22,23 Rockwood Street	150.00
Lot No. G, Rear Highview Avenue	200.00
Lot Rear Wyoming Avenue South Side	100.00
Lot No. 206,207 Temple Street	50.00
Lot No. 114 Cochrane Street	6.81

Respectfully submitted,

[signature] Chairman.

Malcolm G. Fillmore.

Norman D. MacDonald

REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR OF 1943

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

The Trustees of the Public Library submit their report for 1943.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Receipts and Expenditures

		Receipts	Unexpended Balance	Expenditures
Appropriations for:				
Salaries and Wages		$14,450.00	$1,228.58	$13,221.42
Books and Periodicals				
From receipts from dog tax	$2,859.97			
From fines account	500.00			
		3,359.97	1.99	3,357.98
Other Expenses		700.00	44.01	655.99
Fuel and Lights		1,100.00	109.88	990.12
Building and Janitor's Supplies		1,150.00	131.98	1,018.02
Binding		500.00	9.58	490.42
			$1,526.02	
		$21,259.97		$21,259.97

Funds in the Custody of the City Treasurer

	Principal	Income			
		On Hand Jan.1,1943	Received 1943	Expenditures 1943	Balance Dec.31, 1943
Horatio N. Perkins Fund	$ 500.00	$ 84.56	$ 10.00		$ 94.56
William Bailey Fund	2,500.00	130.00	50.00	$32.59	147.41
William E. Barrett Fund	75.00	264.78	1.50		266.28
Lennie A. White Fund	118.84				
Duplicate Library Fund		96.91	67.35	55.64	108.62
	$3,193.84	$576.25	$128.85	$88.23	$616.87

Fines Account

Held for the Public Library in the City Treasury.
Order of Board of Aldermen, June 4, 1934, No. 1,856

Balance January 1, 1943		$2,853.08
Receipts from fines in 1943 paid to City Treasurer monthly		1,063.75
Appropriations:		
Books and Periodicals	$ 500.00	
Fuel and Lights	200.00	
Balance December 31, 1943	3,216.83	
	$3,916.83	$3,916.83

Funds of Which The Trustees of The Public Library are Managers

	Principal	Income On Hand Jan.1,1943	Received 1943	Expenditures 1943	Balance Dec.31, 1943
Sarah A.Cheever Fund..	$500.00	$ 61.83	$ 11.28		$ 73.11
Sarah E.Odlin Fund....	2,000.00	248.29	45.12	$ 6.38	287.03
Jabez S.Dyer Fund.....	1,000.00	126.61	22.33	30.35	118.59
Recreation Room Fund..	16.62		.32	16.94	
	$3,516.62	$436.73	$ 79.05	$53.67	$478.73

During the year the Trustees brought two petitions in the Supreme Court for the purpose of obtaining instructions respecting the administration of Public Library funds. At the time of submitting this report the Court has not announced its decision on the petitions.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie M. Hatch
Librarian.

American Library Association Form of Statistics

Name of Library	Melrose Public Library
City and State	Melrose, Massachusetts
Name of Librarian	Elsie M. Hatch
Date of Founding	1871
Population Served	26,649
Assessed Valuation	$39,359,700
Number of Agencies	
Main Library	
Branches	4
Other Agencies: School-rooms, Sanitarium	
Number of days open during year	330
Hours open each week, Main Library 69 (9 months) 66 (3 months)	
Number of volumes at beginning of year	68,728
Number of volumes added by purchase	1,644
Number added by gift	131
Number of volumes at end of year	70,503
Circulation of books	155,175
Number of registered borrowers	10,240

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

February 16, 1944

Honorable Carl A. Raymond, Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen;

The Board of Public Welfare herewith submits its report for the year ending, December, 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy M. Cushman, Chairman
Helen S. Campbell
Alice M. Fay
John W. Huse
Harry E. Dearborn

ADMINISTRATION AND COST - The cost of administration for the year totalled $9970.03. Of this amount $7139.26 was expended from city funds and $2830.77 from Federal funds. The total cost of the department for the year 1943 was $192,748.21. Of this amount $124,038.49 was from city funds and $68,709.72 was from federal funds.

GENERAL RELIEF - The number of persons receiving general relief was reduced in 1943 from fifty-seven cases in January to thirty-one cases in December. At the close of the year, the case load included twenty-seven single persons and four families (comprising eleven persons). There was no capable breadwinner in any one of the four families. Of the twenty-seven single persons, twenty-three were women and four were men. Of the twenty-three women, only one was under fifty years of age, and all for one reason or another were incapable of self-support. The four men were all old and unable to work.

The year 1943 marked the end of the W.P.A. This federal work program which had been the chief source of assistance for the unemployed was officially terminated on March 15, 1943. From January 1, 1943, to March 15, 1943, $3,208.69 had been expended for workers' wages.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE - The old age assistance law was revised by the Legislature in 1943, and the new law went into effect on September 8, 1943. There were no changes made in the essential requirements for eligibility; i.e., age, citizenship, residence, and need, but there were changes made regarding the liability of sons and daughters to support their parents and the amount of assistance to be given. The amount of expended income of sons and daughters was increased by 15%, and contributions toward the support of a dependent parent are required only if the income exceeds the exempted amount. The allowances are determined according to a mandatory budget issued by the

State Department of Public Welfare. This budget is revised periodically to meet the changes in the cost of living. Although the case load was reduced during the year from 365 to 348, the cost increased with the result that the total expenditure shows little reduction from last year.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN - There was little change in the case load of aid to dependent children, but the payments per family necessarily increased due to the rising cost of living.

Monthly Case Load

General Relief

	Single Persons	Families	Persons Represented
January	42	15	109
February	37	14	100
March	38	11	85
April	36	10	81
May	32	10	82
June	30	8	62
July	28	5	48
August	24	9	63
September	25	8	48
October	26	10	59
November	27	8	49
December	27	4	38

Old Age Assistance

Month	Individuals
January	365
February	354
March	353
April	348
May	351
June	350
July	349
August	347
September	346
October	331
November	337
December	348

Aid to Dependent Children

	Families	Children	Total Persons
January	21	54	75
February	22	57	79
March	21	56	77
April	22	59	81
May	24	63	87
June	22	57	79
July	22	57	79
August	22	57	79
September	21	56	77
October	21	56	77
November	21	53	74
December	20	50	70

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS FOR 1943

RECEIPTS

	CITY				FEDERAL			
	Budget Approp.	Revenue and Transfer Orders	Refunds	City Total	Receipts	Federal Grant-1942 Balance	Federal Total	Total City & Federal
Salaries	7556.00			7556.00	3102.52	56.86	3159.38	10,715.38
Other Expenses	900.00			900.00	159.52		159.52	1,059.52
General Relief	45000.00		379.32	45379.32				45,379.32
Old Age Assistance	80000.00		2046.33	82046.33	63396.59	1.12	63397.71	145,444.04
Aid to Dependent Children	13350.00		191.44	1351.44	4398.64	457.75	4856.39	18,397.83
TOTAL	146806.00		2617.09	149423.09	71057.27	515.73	71573.00	220,996.09

EXPENDITURES

	CITY				FEDERAL			TOTAL
	Expenditures	Transfers	Unexpended Balances	City Total	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Federal Total	City & Federal
Salaries	6241.01		1314.99	7556.00	2671.25	488.13	3159.38	10,715.38
Other Expenses	898.25		1.75	900.00	159.52		159.52	1,059.52
General Relief	25934.66		19065.34	45000.00				45,000.00
Old Age Assistance	79926.00		74.00	80000.00	61407.61	1990.10	63397.71	143,397.71
Aid to Dependent Children	11038.57		2311.43	13350.00	4471.34	385.05	4856.39	18,206.39
TOTAL	124038.49		22767.51	146806.00	68709.72	2863.28	71573.00	218,379.00

Total Net expenditures (Column 1 plus Column 5) $192,748.21

TRUST FUNDS

A. C. Marie D. Currier Fund Income Account (In City Cash)

Balance January 1, 1943	$930.12	
Income paid to City of Melrose 1943	816.47	
Expended during 1943		1409.84
Balance on hand 12/31/43		336.75
	$1746.59	$1746.59

A. C. Marie D. Currier - Capital Account

Account in Fund December 31, 1943		$24,546.48
Securities:		
U. S. Government Treasury Notes 4½%	$15,000.00	
New York Central R. R. 4½%	2,000.00	
Louisville-Nashville R. R. 3 3/4%	1,000.00	
1 Share Northern Railroad	100.00	
Malden Savings Bank	829.98	
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank	619.77	
Eliot Savings Bank	647.01	
Melrose Savings Bank	4349.72	24,546.48

A. C. Marie D. Currier Fund Income Account (In Savings Bank)

Balance January 1, 1943	$ 410.22	
Income from investments	910.17	
Paid City of Melrose		816.47
Melrose Trust Company Box Rent		6.00
Balance December 31, 1943		497.92
	$ 1320.39	$1320.39

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Eleanor E. Toothaker Fund

Unexpended Balance from 1942	$ 57.99
Expended during 1943	57.99
Balance carried forward to 1944	*

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEARS 1934 - 1943, INCLUSIVE

	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Administration:										
(a)Salaries.....	4454.00	4908.50	5510.67	5373.25	5296.03	4972.00	3887.12	4553.32	4489.20	6241.01
(b)Other Expenses...	983.97	996.50	989.58	869.43	998.15	1021.94	997.39	1397.28	999.58	898.25
Dependent Aid.....	46009.24	56674.38	62328.97	68156.24	73228.12	87220.12	77823.19	74156.81	47300.24	25934.66
*Relief by Other Cities & Towns.....	14245.41	10408.62	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Old Age Assistance...	38574.27	40095.25	59138.04	56736.54	59116.90	65966.38	65643.18	71779.73	78641.05	79926.00
Aid to Dependent Children.....	6941.82	7765.40	11784.76	15015.62	19329.26	21406.30	18308.06	20838.17	13891.39	11038.57
Nursing Service.....		720.00		*	*	*	*	*		
Purchase of Auto.....	633.73				150.00					
Xmas Party for Needy Children.....	62.37	75.00	*	75.00	66.98	75.00	46.69			
Fed. Old Age Assis....				42612.29	45239.90	51369.47	58227.98	56385.58	63973.81	61407.61
Fed. Aid to Dependent Children.....				4495.91	4001.14	4994.65	6853.69	5653.50	6104.28	4471.34
Fed. Old Age Assis. Admin.....				1522.61	1686.50	1763.57	1978.65	1125.78	3111.66	1710.03
Fed. Aid to Dependent Children Admin.....						384.75	866.27	124.16	1446.04	1120.74
TOTALS	111904.81	121643.65	139752.02	194856.89	209112.98	239174.18	234632.22	236014.33	219957.25	192748.21

*Consolidated with Dependent Aid

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The forty-third annual report of the Public Works Department is herewith submitted.

Due to war conditions some difficulties have been experienced and I wish to take this opportunity to thank you, Mr. Mayor and Board of Aldermen, also all city departments and officials of W.P.A. for the help and co-operation they have so generously given throughout the year, and to commend to your notice the employees of this Department for their fine sense of responsibility, co-operation and unceasing efforts in carrying out ways and means of meeting the problems of the Department.

Recognition is given to the heads of the various divisions of the Public Works Department who have compiled the information for this report.

Attached hereto are tables showing the work done during the year and a financial statement showing the itemized costs.

Since the beginning of the war the following employees have left the Department to enter the Military Service of their country:

Name	Service
Ralph O. Ballentine	Army
Stephen J. Burke	Army
Lawrence Dallahan	Army
Fred H. Davidson	Navy
James Russell Dwyer	Coast Guard
Alfred M. Hallahan	Army
S. Hale Harding	Seabees
Walter Jones	Seabees
Christian F. Loeffler	Army
Irving Loeffler	Army
Francis P. Martin	Navy
William McGinley	Army
Joseph Murphy	Navy
John D. Sullivan	Army

Respectfully submitted,

Engr. & Supt. Public Works.

ORGANIZATION - 1943

ENGINEER and SUPERINTENDENT

GLEN S. WEEKS

Division Assistants

Engineering:	Edwin H. King
Highway:	John B. Simonds
Sewer & Drains:	S. Hale Harding Martin F. Armstrong
Water:	Harry F. Martin

Water Division

853 Linear feet of new mains were laid.
8 New Services installed.
2 Leaks in main line repaired.
1 Additional hydrant set, and 1 removed.
21 New meters installed.

The following repairs and changes were made:

2 Joints in mains repaired
62 Services renewed in street only
20 Services renewed in private land
36 Services renewed in street and private land
2 Services abandoned.
116 Old meters replaced with new.
159 Old meters discarded.
119 New meters purchased
352 Meters repaired
81 Frozen meters repaired
319 Services turned off for repairs and vacancies.
99 Service boxes raised or reset.
492 Hydrants cleaned and inspected.

Number of water services	6392
Number of water services active	6269
Number of meters in service	6247
Number of city hydrants	492
Number of private hydrants	9
Number of drinking fountains	1
Number of fire services 27: in use	23
Number of gates on mains	1194
Length of mains in miles	7253

WATER CONSTRUCTION 1943

	Cast Iron Pipe		Gates		Hydrants	
Location	Size	Lin. Ft.	Size	No.	Size	No.
Hancock Street Cor. Spear & Mountain Ave.....			6"	1		
Green Street atFranklin Sq....			6"	1		
Hesseltine Ave #93 to Pearl St..	6"	139	6"	1		
Pearl Street at Hesseltine Ave.....	6"	3	6"	1		
Maple Street #114 to Sanford St.....	6"	208	6"	1		
Sanford Street at Maple St.....	6"	8	6"	1		
Maple Terrace Heminway Ave to Ireson Rd.....	6"	95				
Ireson Road Maple Terrace to present end...	6"	400	6"	2	4"	1
Totals		853		8		1

In addition:

The City installed two new fire services, one at Pine Banks Park - 464 lin. ft. pipe, 2-2" valves, the other at National Company - 40 lin. ft. pipe, 1-4" gate.

3 service extensions were made, totalling 63 lin. ft.

TOTAL LENGTH OF WATER PIPE IN CITY

Size in Inches	Length in Feet
3/4	956 lin. ft.
1	1,323
1-1/2	1,511
2	8,409
4	46,485
6	217,350
8	32,942
10	32,023
12	26,223
14	12,464
16	3,024
Total	383,001

Summary:

There are 383,001 linear feet or 72.53 miles of water mains in the City.

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WATER RELAY MAIN LINE 1943

Location	Cast Iron Pipe Size	Lin.Ft.
Wyoming Heights - Brown Street easterly....	8"	283
ditto	6"	3
"	4"	5
Ellwood Road - end of 4" C.L.Pipe westerly..	2"	82
Total		373

SURFACE DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION 1943.

Street & Location	Type of Work	Size	Length	No. of Manholes	No. Catch Basins
Melrose Street Brook at Messengers Meadow....	Brook Covered	4 x 4	260'	1	
Melrose Street Brook at Messengers Meadow....	Brook Walled	4'wide	176		
Naples Road Drain at Forest St.....	Akron	20'	214	2	
Naples Road Drain at Forest St.....	Brook Walled	3'high	14		
Totals			664'	3	

In Addition: 7 old catch basins were rebuilt - 154 catch basins were cleaned, removing 93 cubic yards of material - culvert over Spot Pond Brook at Wyoming Avenue was repaired.

SEWER CONSTRUCTION 1943.

Street	Location	Pipe Size	Pipe Length	Number Manholes
Beach Street....	Washington St. to Aaron	8"	375'	1

This is to be completed in 1944

In Addition: 22 manholes were raised on Green St. - 1 new manhole built on Green St. at Parkway - 30 sewer connections were laid, totalling 1541 lin. ft. of pipe - 6 private sewers were dug up and repaired - 128 private sewer blocks were cleaned.

SEWER SYSTEM as of DECEMBER 31, 1943

Size of Pipe		Length
6"	Akron	138,757
8"	Akron	118,312
10"	Akron	21,947
12"	Akron	14,744
15"	Akron	6,175
18"	Akron	11,691
20"	Akron	2,788
20"	Brick	111
24"	Akron	213
24"	Brick	28
24"	Akron (double strength)	1,771
24"	Iron	24
18 x 20	Brick	3,035
	Total	319,596 lin.ft.

Total length of sewers in City is 319,596 linear feet or 60.52 miles including 2.40 miles owned and controlled by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, but used by the City of Melrose.

IMPROVED DRAINAGE SYSTEM as of DECEMBER 31, 1943

Size & Kind of Pipe	Length in Feet
6 inch Iron	280
8 " Akron	1341
10 " Akron	7885
10 " Iron	442
10 " Cement	119
12 " Akron	49149
12 " Iron	1055
12 " Cement	3260
15 " Akron	20361
15 " Cement	747
16 " Akron	284
16 " Iron	1348
18 " Akron	9243
18 " Iron	1213
18 " Cement	1238
20 " Akron	6503
20 " Iron	556
24 " Akron	3076
24 " Cement	2585
24 " Iron	524
30 " Iron	1222
30 " Cement	2857
36 " Cement	94
36 " Iron	1537
42 " Iron	568
48 " Iron	68
Brick Conduit	659
Concrete Conduit	14951
Total.....	133165

14 Concrete Culverts - 564 Manholes - 976 Catch Basins
133,165 Total length of drains or 25.22 miles

INDIVIDUAL WALKS 1943

Street	Location	Granolithic Walks (Sq. Ft.)	Granolithic Drives (Sq. Ft.)	Sodding (Sq.Ft)
Damon Avenue...	So.Side Damon Ave.cor Cochrane...	360	0	320
Damon Avenue...	" at #12	277	108	214
	Totals.....	637	108	534

16 driveways were constructed, repaired, widened or closed, -
8 corner blocks used - 129 Sq.Ft. of granolithic laid -
44 sq.yds. of tar laid - 30 sq.ft. sodding laid.

CONTINUOUS WALKS 1943

Street	Location	Granolithic Walks (Sq. Ft.)	Granolithic Drives (Sq. Ft.)	Sodding (Sq.Ft)
Damon Avenue...	So.Side at No. 16 & 22.....	-	-	734
East Street....	E.Side Porter St.to Upham St.....			90
Maple Road.....	Both sides Sewall Woods Rd. to 22 on west side.....			
	Both sides Sewall to Warwick Rd. on east side.....	80		4000
Elm Street.....	Corner Linden Rd. at No. 92.....	17	88.5	-
	Totals.....	97	88.5	4824

Work was started in 1942

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION 1943

Street	From	To	Lin. Ft.	Macadam Sq. Yds
Cochrane St.	Glendale Ave. ...	Boardman Ave.	835.0	2040
East Foster St. ...	Waverly Ave.	Kiley Farm	476.0	1070
		Totals.....	1311.0	3110

This work was started in 1942, but due to war conditions we were unable to put on Macadam until this year.

HIGHWAY REPAIRS 1943

Street	From	To	Length Lin. Ft.	Width	Sq. Yds
Main St.	Porter St.	Wakefield Line	8100	22	19,800
Lebanon St.	Porter St.	Malvern St.	3290	24 & 30	9,076
Washington St.	Lynde Ave.	Malden Line	4500	24	12,000
Franklin St.	Main St.	Railroad Tracks	2000	30	6,667
Pleasant St.	W. Wyoming Ave. ..	400' No. Washington ..	3130	23	8,000
		Totals.....	21020		55,543

Note: Green Street from Main Street to Howard Street is at present under repair and will be completed in 1944.

The WPA under city supervision backfilled the trenches where rails had been removed. 1100 L.F. was salvaged on Main Street from Heywood Ave. to Wakefield Line and 1300 L.F. on Franklin Street from Railroad tracks to Ashland Street.

HIGHWAY REPAIRS 1943

Street	From	To	Length Lin.Ft	Width	Sq.Yd
Bay State Road	Main St.	Saugus Line	2455	22	6000
Beech Ave.	Swains Pond Ave.	Easterly	750	20	1667
Chestnut Street	Mt. Vernon Ave.	E. Wyoming Ave.	370	22	900
Clifford Street	Elm St.	Nelson Rd.	760	20	1700
Cottage Street	W. Wyoming Ave.	Alden St.	220	22	540
Damon Ave.	Boardman Ave.	Heywood Ave.	560	20	1220
Emerson St. East	Bellevue Ave.	Stratford Rd.	900	30	3000
First St.	Greystone Rd.	Ashcroft Rd.	2220	20	4933
Florence Ave.	Grove St.	Southerly	414	22	1012
Forest St.	Lebanon St.	Malden Line	620	30	2070
Foster St. West	Railroad Tracks	Maple St.	800	30	1667
Frost Ave.	Boardman Ave.	Hawes Ave.	450	22	1100
Garden St.	Franklin St.	Melrose St.	350	10	390
Gooch St.	Laurel St.	Grove St.	400	20	888
Goss Ave.	Grove St.	Harold St.	1230	20	2733
Grove St.	Swains Pond Ave.	Burnett St.	800	22	1955
Harvard St.	Beech Ave.	Appleton St.	600	20	1333
Heywood Ave.	Main St.	Easterly	350	22	855
Hopkins St.	Lebanon St.	Forest St.	470	22	1150
Laurel St.	Gooch St.	Melrose Common	1100	22	2700
Linwood Ave.	Grove St.	Southerly	1800	22	4400
Maple St.	W. Foster St.	Poplar St.	1300	20	2890
Melrose St.	Main St.	Ashland St.	1460	30	4867
Mystic Ave.	Lynde St.	Gibbons St.	1070	22	2615
Orris St.	Walton Park	Stoneham Line	850	24	2267
Otis St.	Charles St.	Vinton St.	1150	20	2555
Pearl St.	Main St.	Damon Ave.	1140	20	2533
Sixth St.	Laurel St.	Grove St.	320	20	710
Spear St.	Park St.	Church St.	1730	20	3845
Summer St.	W. Wyoming Ave.	Linwood Ave.	550	22-24	1410
Swains Pond Ave.	Maple Terrace	Malden Line	900	20	2000
Sylvan St.	Main St.	Linwood Ave.	1020	30	3400
Trenton St.	W. Foster St.	W. Wyoming Ave.	1220	18	2440
Woodland Ave.	Franklin St.	Wakefield Line	1380	20	3067
E. Wyoming Ave.	Main St.	Summer St.	600	30	2000
		Totals.....	32309		78812

STATISTICS

CITY OF MELROSE
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

Location	7 miles north of Boston
Population, January 1, 1943	26,649
Number of Voters	14,272
Greatest extent of the city, east and west.	2.95 miles
Greatest extent of the city, north and south.	2.44 miles
Valuation of Real Estate	$39,359,700.00
Valuation of Personal Property	$ 2,729,200.00
Tax Rate, per thousand	28.40
Area of City:	
Land 3,079.50 acres	
Water 35.50 acres.	3,115 acres
Length of Public Streets	58.07 miles
Length of Private Streets.	15.97 miles
Length of Water Mains	72.53 miles
Length of Sewer Mains	60.52 miles
Range of pressure on mains	100 - 23 lbs.
Number of 1000 lumen incandescent lights	1048
Number of 2500 lumen incandescent lights	45
Number of 6000 lumen incandescent lights	65
Number of luminous Arcs, all night - 63 to Midnight - 18.	81
Number of Automatic Traffic Signals	6

Area of Parks:	
Bowden Park	.62 acres
Colby Park	.90 acres
Horace Mann Park.	.60 acres
Lebanon Street Playground	.95 acres
Lincoln School Playground	1.60 acres
Melrose Common.	4.40 acres
Messenger's Meadow Playground	2.89 acres
Middlesex Fells	170.0 acres
Mt. Hood	225.0 acres
Pine Banks Park	81.80 acres
Sewall Woods Park	9.00 acres
Wyoming Cemetery	43.50 acres
Ell Pond Park	34.41 acres

Elevation, Main Street at City Hall - 61 ft. above mean tide

Elevation, Franklin Square - - 85 ft. above mean low tide

Water Construction.

Budget		$ 7000.00	
B.of A. Order		800.00	
Receipts-Cost of Living Pay Roll		511.58	
			$ 8311.58
Expended:-			
Meters Set		263.19	
Services		324.37	
Main Line-			
Ellwood Road	$ 66.53		
Franklin St.	169.95		
Hancock St.	147.58		
Hesseltine Ave.	698.13		
Ireson Ct.	3243.59		
Maple St.	1155.05		
Maple Terrace	752.20		
Pine Banks Park	660.70		
Radcliffe Road	95.63		
Wyoming Heights	140.47	7129.83	7717.39
		Balance	594.19

Cost of Water System.

Cost of System to January 1, 1943	1049277.29	
Expended 1943	7717.39	
Cost of System to January 1, 1944		1056994.68

Inside Services & Charges - Working Acct.

Budget	2500.00		
B.of A. Orders	2500.00		
Receipts-Cost of Living Pay Roll	188.54		
		5188.54	
Less-B.of A. Orders		900.00	
			4288.54
Expended:-			
Labor		1775.68	
Material, trucks & overhead		1260.50	3036.18
		Balance	1252.36

Inside Services & Charges - Accounts Receivable.

Accounts Due - January 1, 1943	554.00	
Committed 1943	503.27	
		1057.27
Less:-		
Receipts 1943		979.66
Accounts Receivable - January 1, 1944		77.61

Inside Services & Charges - Deposits.

Deposits		$3219.00
Expended:-		
Cost of Work	$ 2444.53	
Refunds	669.47	3114.00
Deposits on hand January 1, 1944		105.00

Inside Services & Charges - Deposits Accounts Receivable.

Accounts Due January 1, 1943	$ 34.88		
Committed 1943	2536.20		
		2571.08	
Less - Cash from Deposit Account		2444.53	
			126.55
Less:-			
Receipts 1943			62.94
Deposits Accounts Receivable January 1, 1944			63.61

New Water Meters.

Budget		1300.00	
Credits from other accounts		205.00	
			1505.00
Expended:-			
Invoices			1302.47
		Balance	202.53

Water Rates - City of Malden.

Budget			350.00
Expended:-			
Invoices			151.75
		Balance	198.25

Water Maintenance.

Budget		$24000.00		
Receipts-Cost of Living Pay Roll		1744.13		
			$25744.13	
Less - B.of A. Order			2500.00	
				$23244.13
Expended:				
Overhead Expense		3512.54		
Less Credits by receipts		3373.63		
			138.91	
Material				
Stock Labor	$ 386.93			
Purchases	4597.26			
		4984.19		
Less Credits by receipts		3817.57		
			1166.62	
Hydrants			1556.25	
Main Line			540.02	
Meters				
Read		4512.01		
Remove and Repair		3494.99		
			8007.00	
Services			8739.52	
Relay mains-				
Ellwood Road		321.12		
Wyoming Heights		2327.32		
			2648.44	22796.76
			Balance	447.37

Highway Repairing.

Budget		$ 14000.00	
B.of A. Orders		4860.39	
Receipts - Cost of Living Pay Roll		953.83	
			$ 19814.22
Expended:-			
Overhead			
Expense	$ 2005.15		
Credit by Receipts	3485.29		
Net Credit		1480.14	
Material			
Purchases	345.99		
Credit by Receipts	732.89		
Net Credit		386.90	

Guard Rail & Fencing		4.29	
Minor Repairs		1557.01	
Street Resurfacing		8476.34	
Street Signs & Numbers		1308.26	
Tar Patching		5950.10	
Tar Curbing		96.95	
Rail Removal		154.73	
Traffic Painting		42.41	
Minor Charges		212.20	
Repairs by Streets-			
Crescent Ave.	76.59		
Franklin Street	1109.21		
Gould Street	413.13		
Green Street	1477.78		
Porter Street	59.87	3136.58	19071.83
		Balance	742.39

Traffic Signs & Markings.

Budget	500.00	
Receipts-Cost of Living Pay Roll	30.03	
		530.03
Expended:-		
Labor	284.52	
Stock, trucks & overhead	69.11	
Invoices	171.72	525.35
	Balance	4.68

Purchase of Land - Pleasant & Washington Sts.

B.of A. Order	100.00
Expended:-	
Invoice	100.00

Highway Construction.

Budget	$ 2000.00	
Unexpended Balances	3047.47	
		$ 5047.47
Less:-		
B.of A. Orders		4500.00
	Balance	547.47

Summary of Net Expenditures - Highway Construction. B.of A. Orders from Hwy Construction, General Account and 1942 Balances.

Order #4954 Cochrane Street	1933.64
5193 E.Foster Street	1161.49
4619 Ruggles Street	39.64
Mt.Hood-Tower Road	54.09
Walks & Roads	102.42
Total Expenditures	3291.28

W.P.A.-Removal of Steel Rails.

Balance 1942	$ 2644.84		
Receipts-Cost of Living Pay Roll	72.85		
		2717.69	
Less-B.of A. Order		915.18	
			1802.51
Expended:-			
Labor		627.05	
Stock, trucks & overhead		531.40	
Invoices		644.06	1802.51

Receipts - Removal of Steel Rails and Bond Wire.

Balance 1942		933.67	
Receipts		2011.54	
			2945.21
Less-			
B.of A. Order			2945.21

Automotive-Salaries & Wages.

Budget	1500.00		
Receipts-Cost of Living Pay Roll	172.50		
from equipment	2744.61		
		4417.11	
Less-B.of A. Order		500.00	
			3917.11
Expended:-			
P ay Rolls			2438.00
		Balance	1487.11

Automotive Other Expense.

Budget	$ 1000.00		
Receipts-Gas Tax Refund	255.51		
Use of Equipment	10978.40		
		$ 12233.91	
Less-B.of A. Order		100.00	
			$ 12133.91
Expended:-			
Repairs & Parts		1415.81	
Gasoline		2558.34	
Supplies		342.65	
Oil, Grease & Alcohol		596.95	
Tires & Tubes		544.83	
Batteries & care		136.66	
Telephone		72.05	
Garage Rent		160.00	
Heat, Light & Bldg Maintenance		649.38	
Insurance		912.10	
Sundries-			
Registration Plates	80.00		
Auto Stamp	5.00		
Inspection	10.25		
Compressor tools	138.00		
Flag	4.35		
Water rates	4.69		
Mileage record cards	14.70		
Other Items	30.90		
		287.89	7676.66
		Balance	4457.25

Summary of Automotive Accounts.

Receipts from use		13723.01
Less-		
Salaries & Wages	2430.00	
Other Expense	7776.66	10206.66
Net Credit above cost of operation		3516.35

City Yard Salaries & Wages.

Budget	2200.00	
Receipts-Cost of Living Pay Roll	281.46	
		2481.46
Expended:-		
Payrolls	2335.09	
Liability Insurance	35.48	2370.57
	Balance	110.89

City Yard Improvements.

Budget	$ 500.00	
B.of A. Order	500.00	
Receipts-Cost of Living Pay Roll	53.30	
		$ 1053.30
Expended:-		
Labor	480.62	
Stock, trucks & overhead	104.27	
Invoices	329.97	914.86
	Balance	138.44

Street Lighting.

Budget		34500.00
Expended:-		
Invoices		33815.24
	Balance	684.76

Snow Removal & Sanding.

Tax Levy	20000.00	
B.of A. Order	4500.00	
Receipts-Cost of Living Pay Roll	1586.80	
		26086.80
Expended:-		
Plowing	2764.37	
Removal	7624.10	
Sanding	8370.15	
Overhead	1380.67	
Sundries	30.30	
	20169.59	
Less - Material Credits	30.97	20138.62
	Balance	5948.18

Purchase 6 Truck Plows.

Budget		3000.00
Expended:-		
Invoices		2.00
	Balance	2998.00

Insurance.

Tax Levy	6000.00	
Budget	5415.55	
Cash Receipt	274.40	
		11689.95
Expended:-		
Invoices		7944.34
	Balance	3745.61

Holidays.

B.of A. Order	$ 200.00	
Receipts-Cost of Living Pay Roll	16.19	
		$ 216.19
Expended:-		
Payrolls		132.09
	Balance	84.10

Vacations.

Tax Levy	6000.00	
Receipts-Cost of Living Pay Roll	597.69	
		6597.69
Expended:-		
Payroll		5699.51
	Balance	898.18

Pensions.

Budget		14500.00
Expended:-		
Payrolls		11987.75
	Balance	2512.25

Public Works - Cost of Living Payroll.

Apportioned from General Appropriation		13855.05
Expended:-		
Payrolls		13855.05

Sewer and Drain Construction.

Budget	$ 7000.00		
B.of A. Orders	4000.00		
Receipts-Cost of Living Payroll	577.22		
		11577.22	
Less-B.of A. Order		4200.00	
			7377.22
Expended:-			
Overhead			
Expense	1859.92		
Credit by receipts	2447.48		
Net Credit		587.56	
Material			
Purchases	1716.66		
Credit by receipts	1291.94		
		424.72	
Drains-			
Beech Avenue - Basin	36.21		
Green Street	170.89		
Messengers Brook	4554.83		
Naples Road	1490.05		
Penney Road	46.06	6298.04	6135.20
		Balance	1242.02

Summary of Net Expenditures Sewer and Drain Construction.

Or.#5815a Beach St.	$ 3205.05	
General Account	162.84	
Net Expenditure	3042.81	

Cost of Sewerage System.

Cost of system to January 1, 1943	$1167807.71
Expended 1943	3042.81
Cost of system to January 1, 1944	1170850.52

Private Sewers - Working Account.

Budget	$ 3000.00		
Receipts-Cost of Living Payroll	74.24	3074.24	
Less-B.of A. Order		1200.00	1874.24
Expended:-			
Labor		731.85	
Stock, trucks & overhead		440.22	1172.07
		Balance	702.17

Private Sewers - Accounts Receivable.

Accounts Receivable January 1, 1943	95.16		
Committed 1943	559.08	654.24	
Less - Abatements		1.74	652.50
Receipts - 1943			386.16
Accounts Receivable January 1, 1944			266.34

Private Sewers - Deposits.

Deposits		990.00
Expended:-		
Cost of Work	612.01	
Refunds	152.99	765.00
Balance on Deposit		225.00

Private Sewers - Deposit Accounts Receivable.

Deposit Accts. Rec. January 1, 1943	32.33		
Committed	612.99	645.32	
Less - Cash from Deposit Acct.		612.01	33.31
Cash Receipts - 1943			.98
Deposit Accounts Receivable January 1, 1944			32.33

Sewer Maintenance.

Budget	$ 5000.00		
Receipts-Cost of Living Payroll	155.52	$ 5155.52	
Less-B.of A. Orders		2000.00	$ 3155.52
Expended:-			
Labor		1507.03	
Stock, trucks & overhead		508.74	
Invoices		444.97	2460.74
		Balance	694.78

Sewer Connections - General Account.

Balance 1942	318.91	
Credits from used connections	63.35	382.26

No Expenditures.

Sewer Connections - South East Section.

Balance 1942	2029.51		
Budget	1200.00		
Receipts-Cost of Living Payroll	168.03	3397.54	
Less-B.of A. Order		800.00	2597.54
Expended:-			
Labor		1452.72	
Stock, trucks & overhead		888.53	
Invoices		12.27	2353.52
		Balance	244.02

Cost of Surface Drainage System.

Cost of System to January 1, 1943	617524.84
Expended - 1943	6298.04
Cost of System to January 1, 1944	623822.88

Surface Drainage Maintenance.

Budget	8500.00	
Receipts-Cost of Living Payroll	548.39	9048.39
Expended:-		
Labor	4730.86	
Stock, trucks & overhead	1376.22	
Invoices	33.13	6140.21
	Balance	2908.18

Continuous Walks.

Budget	$ 3000.00	
Unexpended Balances	3165.24	
Receipts-Cost of Living Payroll	63.46	$ 6228.70

Expended:-			
Overhead-Expense	$ 1256.92		
Credit by Receipts	244.24		
		1012.68	
Material - Credits		39.64	
Granolithic-Expense	175.02		
Credit by Receipts	173.21	1.81	
Sodding-Expense	500.36		
Credit by Receipts	503.58	3.22	971.63
		Balance	5257.07

Summary of Net Expenditures - Continuous Walks by Orders.

Or.#5125	Damon Avenue	114.01	
5050a	East Street	18.23	
5566	Elm Street	50.00	
5051a	Maple Road	340.39	
5051b	Maple Road	231.09	
		753.72	

Individual Walks - Working Account.

Budget	600.00	
B.of A. Order	1000.00	
Receipts-Cost of Living Payroll	69.86	1669.86
Expended:-		
Labor	568.85	
Stock, trucks & overhead	169.63	
Invoices	36.46	774.94
	Balance	894.92

Individual Walks - Deposit Account.

Deposits on hand January 1, 1943	30.00	
Deposits 1943	619.00	649.00
Expended:-		
Cost of Work	561.04	
Refunds	87.96	649.00

Individual Walks - Accounts Receivable.

Accounts Receivable January 1, 1943	52.22		
Committed	607.11	659.33	
Less - Cash from Deposit Account		561.04	98.29
Cash Receipts - 1943			78.89
Accounts Receivable January 1, 1944			19.40

Repair of Walks.

Budget	$ 4000.00		
Receipts-Cost of Living Payroll	155.48	$ 4155.48	
Less - B.of A. Order		1000.00	$ 3155.48
Expended:-			
Labor		1315.89	
Stock, trucks & overhead		448.24	
Invoices		379.11	2143.24
		Balance	1012.24

Plant New Trees.

Budget	330.00	
Cash Receipt	7.00	
Receipts-Cost of Living Payroll	24.57	361.57
Expended:-		
Labor	229.38	
Stock, trucks & overhead	124.19	
Invoices	8.00	361.57

Care of Trees.

Budget	6500.00		
Receipts-Cost of Living Payroll	502.90	7002.90	
Less-B.of A. Orders		125.00	6877.90
Expended:-			
Labor		4015.07	
Stock, trucks & overhead		879.55	
Invoices		484.56	5379.18
		Balance	1498.72

Collection of Ashes & Rubbish.

Budget		15000.00	
B.of A. Order		523.92	
Receipts-Cost of Living Payroll		1294.73	16818.65
Expended:-			
Ash Collections		10155.91	
Paper Collections		3702.55	
Level Dump		2034.57	
Liability Insurance		309.73	
Delivery & Ash Schedules		196.77	
Build Shed		98.29	
Sundries		19.95	16517.77
		Balance	300.88

Collection of Ashes - Salvage Receipts.

Receipts	619.90
Less-B.of A. Order	523.92
Balance	95.98

Collection of Garbage.

Budget		$ 17000.00	
Receipts-Cost of Living Payroll		1739.39	$ 18739.39
Expended:-			
Labor		14521.02	
Stock, trucks & overhead		3151.40	
Invoices		720.26	18392.68
		Balance	346.71

Collection of Garbage - Accounts Receivable.

Committed	7001.43
Receipts	7001.43

Street Cleaning.

Budget	$ 6500.00		
Receipts-Cost of Living Payroll	524.86	7024.86	
Less-B.of A. Orders		200.00	6824.86
Expended:-			
Labor		4139.49	
Stock, trucks & overhead		497.98	
Invoices		258.33	4895.80
		Balance	1929.06

Public Works - Salaries & Wages.

Budget		13225.00	
Receipts-Cost of Living Payroll		721.00	13946.00
Expended:-			
Payroll		8923.24	
Supt's Salary		5000.00	
Liability Insurance		4.46	13927.70
		Balance	18.30

Public Works Other Expenses.

Budget		800.00
Expended:-		
Supplies	134.34	
Stationary & Printing	155.29	
Stamps	5.00	
Telephone	176.60	
Service Charges - Office Machines	154.90	
Subscriptions	10.00	
Notary Seal	5.50	
Inter-office Communicating System Repairs	31.33	
Sundries	.33	673.29
	Balance	126.71

Engineers Salaries & Wages.

Budget	$ 5000.00	
Receipts-Cost of Living Payroll	234.90	$ 5234.90
Expended:-		
Payrolls	3793.37	
Liability Insurance	34.35	3827.72
	Balance	1407.18

Engineers Other Expense.

Budget	650.00	
B.of A. Order	100.00	750.00
Expended:-		
Use of Car	488.00	
Supplies	151.45	
Prints	2.47	
Subscription	10.00	
Transit Repairs	84.80	736.72
	Balance	13.28

City Hall Salaries & Wages.

Budget	3450.00	
B.of A. Order	125.00	
Receipts-Cost of Living Payroll	366.99	3941.99
Expended:		
Payrolls	3849.05	
Liability Insurance	49.68	3898.73
	Balance	43.26

City Hall - Other Expense.

Budget	5000.00	
Receipts-Cost of Living Payroll	46.55	5046.55
Expended:		
Supplies	491.41	
Alterations & Repairs	896.96	
Gas	45.46	
Electricity	1544.65	
Fuel	1652.06	
Telephone	59.52	
Towel care	77.96	
Drinking Fountain Rental	60.00	
Storm Doors	34.67	
Water Rates	81.33	
Fill Flower Urn	40.00	
Flags	7.66	4991.68
	Balance	54.87

City Hall Parking Space.

Balance 1942	247.93
None Expended.	

REPORT OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Following is the report of the Registrars of Voters for the year 1943.

During the year the Registrars performed the several duties required of them by the Statutes, including the following:

Listing of persons twenty years of age or older.
Compilation of jury list for the year 1943.
Preparation, revision and correction of the annual register of voters.
Determination of qualifications and certification of persons proposed to be appointed as election officers.
Certification of names of registered voters signing nomination papers for city election.
Conducting sessions for the registration of voters.

The number of persons twenty years of age or older found to be residing in Melrose on January 1, 1943, and included in the annual street list, was as follows:

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2
1,231	1,324	1,479	1,676	1,227	1,310	1,303	1,382

5-1	5-2	6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	Total
1,353	1,614	1,524	1,168	973	1,095	659	19,318

There were transmitted to the Assessors, as required by law, lists containing the names of all male persons included in such street lists, to the following number:

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2
558	607	694	751	550	610	526	635

5-1	5-2	6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	Total
623	742	717	537	467	512	334	8,863

The total number of all persons found by the Registrars to be residing in Melrose on January 1, 1943, was as follows:

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2
1,659	1,773	2,074	2,303	1,675	1,792	1,679	1,909

5-1	5-2	6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	Total
1,877	2,234	2,030	1,658	1,367	1,647	972	26,649

In connection with the annual listing an effort was made to obtain the current military service record of every resident of Melrose serving in the armed forces during the present war. Approximately two thousand such records were received and transmitted to the City Clerk for inclusion in the military service list being maintained by that department.

Six sessions were held for the purpose of compiling the jury list for the year beginning July 1, 1943. Questionnaires were sent to 523 persons for the purpose of determining their qualifications for jury service and, from the returns thereof, 389 persons were found to be qualified and their names were included in the jury list.

Because of extraordinary conditions due to the continuance of the state of war necessitating the protracted absence from the city of a substantial number of residents, the Registrars determined to provide as much opportunity as possible for those desiring to register to vote to do so. Accordingly, daily registration sessions were held continuously from May first until the end of the year, with the exception of a period of twenty days prior to the city election when no applications for registration may be received according to law. In addition, three evening sessions were held prior to the city election. A total of 290 names were added to the general and current annual registers of voters at these sessions, and 22 persons serving in the armed forces were qualified for voting at the city election on application of their kindred, in accordance with Chapter 390 of the Acts of 1943.

The names of 991 persons found to be no longer qualified to vote by reason of removal from the city, death and other causes were stricken from the register of voters.

The number of voters included in the current annual register of voters, revised and corrected as of December 31, 1943, was as follows:

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2
987	954	1,166	1,272	941	930	921	1,125

5-1	5-2	6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	Total
970	1,079	1,049	907	743	793	435	14,272

The ratio of registered voters to population in 1943 was 53.18%.

Signatures of persons signing nomination papers of candidates for the several offices to be filled at the city election were certified as being registered voters to the number of 2,691.

The names of 181 persons making application for registration as absent voters for the city election were certified as being duly registered or qualified voters of the city of Melrose.

During the day of the city election the Registrars were in continuous session and, following the closing of the polls, assisted the City Clerk in the tabulation of the results.

Following the city election a recount was made of the votes cast for the office of Ward Alderman in Precincts One and Two of Ward Three. The recount confirmed the original results announced by the election officers.

The total number of sessions held by the Registrars during the year 1943 was 26.

The sum of $277.00 was received for 554 copies of the street lists sold during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Murphy

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Charles E. Holt

Charles E. Holt

Fergus W. Griffin

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Raymond F. Greenlaw

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REPORT OF CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

To His Honor the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen;

The Retirement Board of the Contributory Retirement System of the City of Melrose respectfully submits its seventh annual report covering the transactions of the System for the year ended December 31, 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Donovan, Chairman.

A. J. Gilmore, Secretary Pro Tem.

S. Hale Harding, Secretary
Board of Retirement

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

CITY OF MELROSE

Statement of Income and Disbursements
for the year ended December 31, 1943

INCOME

Amount of ledger assets Dec. 31, 1942 -			$125,266.78
Members contributions credited to their accounts in the Annuity Savings Fund:			
Regular contributions, Group I	$10,200.40		
Group II	2,371.53	$12,571.93	
Voluntary Additional Contributions Group I		77.96	
Re-deposits Group I	84.71		
" Group II	30.66	115.37	
Appropriation by the City for, Pension Accumulation Fund:			
Accrued Liability	15,774.00		
Normal Liability	7,771.00		
Expense Fund	375.00	23,920.00	
Interest received:			
Gross interest on bonds and dividends on stocks, less $392.50 accrued interest on bonds acquired during the year	4,883.76		
Gross interest on deposits in trust companies and banks	36.00	4,919.76	
Gross profit on sale of ledger assets:			
Bonds		610.00	
Gross increase by adjustment, of ledger assets:			
Bonds	28.06		
Stocks	243.75	271.81	42,486.83
Total Available Receipts			$167,753.61

DISBURSEMENTS

Annuity payments:			
Regular; Group I	$ 160.61		
Group II	9.70	$ 170.31	
Ordinary and accidental disability;			
Group I		178.74	

Pension payments:			
Prior Service; Group I	$ 9,568.81		
Group II	1,861.71	$11,430.52	
Ordinary and accidental disability;			
Group I		3,370.71	
Refunds:			
Contributions; Group I	2,658.50		
Group II	10.01	2,668.51	
Interest; Group I	35.45		
Group II	.27	35.72	
Administrative expenses		448.41	
Gross loss on sale or maturity of ledger assets: Bonds		14.60	
Gross decrease, by adjustment of ledger assets: Bonds	221.89		
Stocks	17.50	239.39	
Total Disbursements for year 1943			$ 18,556.91
Ledger assets December 31, 1943.			$149,196.70

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1943

ASSETS

Investments Book Value:			
Bonds	$141,446.78		
Stocks	4,300.00	$145,746.78	
Deposits in trust companies and banks, not on interest		1,649.92	
Deposits in trust companies and banks, on interest		1,800.00	$149,196.70

NON-LEDGER ASSETS

Accrued interest due on savings account and bonds not in default.	1,873.22
Gross assets	$151,069.92
Total admitted assets	$151,069.92

LIABILITIES

Annuity Savings Fund - Group I ..		$63,046.15	
- Group II..		10,100.28	$ 73,146.43
Annuity Reserve Fund - Group I ..		2,998.92	
- Group II..		51.67	3,050.59
Pension Accumulation Fund-Group I ..		66,994.20	
-Group II..		4,607.01	71,601.21
Expense Fund			84.13
Undistributed earnings:			
Actual			1,314.34
Accrued interest on bonds and savings account to Dec. 31,1943..			1,873.22
Total liabilities			$151,069.92

SCHEDULE OF RETIRED MEMBERS-DECEMBER 31, 1943

Name	Position	Date of Retirement	Length of Service	Age at Retirement	Annual Annuity	Annual Pension	Total Annual Retirement Allowance	Received 1943
Retired Members, Jan.1,1943:								
Victor C. Kirmes	City Clerk	Aug. 1,1937	55 yrs.	81 yrs.		$ 1,475.00	$ 1,475.00	$ 1,475.00
Charles Trentsch	Laborer	Sept.28,1937	12 "	77 "		480.00	480.00	480.00
Charles J. Critchett*	School Janitor	Sept.28,1937	36 "	75 "		828.00	828.00	498.58
Albert Waghorne	Asst. Supt.	Oct. 26,1937	41 "	76 "		1,247.50	1,247.50	1,247.50
Charles C. Garey	Custodian	Dec. 1,1937	25 "	76 "		1,002.32	1,002.32	1,002.32
Michael J. Hanley	Dog Officer	Sept.28,1937	38 "	72 "		480.00	480.00	480.00
Mrs. Hattie D. Hall	Librarian	Nov. 21,1937	16 "	70 "	2.75	477.25	480.00	480.00
Harry M. Wilson	Lineman	Apr. 15,1938	10 "	63 "	4.72	200.10	204.82	204.82
Edwin L. Craigin**	Registrar	July 1,1938	38 "	70 "	1.40	131.93	133.33	97.77
Arthur A. Hayden	Board of Health	Dec. 19,1938	18 "	70 "	.36	32.97	33.33	33.33
Frank C. Newman	Chief Fire Dept.	June 15,1939	34 "	73 "		1,598.34	1,598.34	1,598.34
Charles F. Woodward	Asst. Supt.	June 30,1939	47 "	70 "	37.58	1,475.00	1,512.58	1,512.58
Charles H. Shattuck	School Janitor	June 30,1939	8 "	75 "		480.00	480.00	480.00
Andrew W. H. Restall	Clerk	June 30,1939	13 "	73 "		480.00	480.00	480.00
William C. Jodrey	Call Fireman	Apr. 9,1940	35 "	65 "	3.97	134.97	138.94	138.94
John J. Keating	Registrar	Apr. 2,1941	30 "	70 "	5.53	127.80	133.33	133.33
Everard C. Martin	Laborer	June 21,1941	15 "	64 "	33.01	749.32	782.33	782.33
George L. Stewart	Call Fireman	Dec. 3,1941	40 "	65 "	5.73	128.40	134.13	134.13
Ralph Hallahan	Truck Driver	Oct. 20,1940	16 "	37 "	12.84	812.24	825.08	825.08
John H. Rourke	Meter Reader	Aug. 9,1942	14 "	60 "	39.50	209.76	249.26	249.26
Patrick J. Shea***	School Janitor	Aug. 2,1942	39 "	67 "	56.24	838.68	894.92	125.21
Dennis J. Murphy	Foreman	Sept. 2,1942	39 "	66 "	88.67	1,399.29	1,487.96	1,487.96
Arthur H. Bright	Janitor	Oct. 8,1942	6 "	70 "	42.82	437.18	480.00	480.00
Retirements during 1943:								
Myrtle S. Meriam	Health & School Nurse	Feb. 6,1943	24 "	70 "	69.57	733.42	802.99	723.80
		Totals			$404.69	$15,959.47	$16,364.16	$15,150.28

*Deceased August 7, 1943
** Deceased Sept.24,1943
***Deceased Feb.19,1943

SCHEDULE OF BONDS-DECEMBER 31, 1943

	Percent	Due	Effective Interest Rate	Bond Value	Par Value
Atkinson, Topeka & Santa Fe R.R.Co.	4	Oct. 1995	3.72	3,236.15	$ 3,000.00
" " " " " "	4	" "	3.65	1,078.72	1,000.00
" " " " " "	4	" "	3.66	1,078.72	1,000.00
Cambria & Clearfield Rwy Co.	4	Feb. 1955	3.75	2,098.68	2,000.00
" " " "	4	" "	3.81	1,049.33	1,000.00
" " " "	4	" "	3.81	2,098.68	2,000.00
Chesapeake & Ohio Rwy. Co.	4½	Mar. 1992	3.62	6,173.75	5,000.00
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. (Ill.Div.)	4	July 1949	3.95	5,027.00	5,000.00
Great Northern Rwy. Co. (Ser.H)	4	July 1946	4.23	1,937.50	2,000.00
" " " " (Ser.E)	4½	July 1977	4.62	4,873.29	5,000.00
Lexington & Eastern Rwy. Co.	5	Apr. 1965	4.24	3,526.33	3,000.00
" " " "	5	" "	4.23	2,350.89	2,000.00
New York Central & Hudson River R.R.Co.	3½	July 1997	4.41	3,966.72	5,000.00
Northern Pacific Rwy. Co.	4	Jan. 1997	4.06	1,243.27	1,500.00
" " " "	4	" "	5.20	3,315.39	4,000.00
Oregon & Washington R.R. & Navigation Co.	4	Jan. 1961	3.78	5,265.72	5,000.00
Texas & Pacific Rwy. Co.	5	June 2000	4.55	1,099.88	1,000.00
" " " "	5	" "	4.55	1,099.89	1,000.00
" " " "	5	" "	4.52	1,099.89	1,000.00
Union Pacific Railroad Co.	3½	June 1980	3.34	3,087.83	3,000.00
" " " "	3¾	" "	3.40	2,058.56	2,000.00
Virginian Rwy. Co.	3 3/4	Mar. 1966	3.46	5,376.22	5,000.00
				$62,142.41	$60,500.00
Total Railroad Bonds					
Central Maine Power Co.	3⅜	Aug. 1966	3.29	$ 5,289.55	$ 5,000.00
Consumers Power Co.	3⅜	Nov. 1967	3.31	5,248.64	5,000.00
Dusquesne Light Co.	3⅜	June 1965	3.26	4,255.48	4,000.00
Jersey Central Power & Light Co.	3⅜	Mar. 1965	3.35	5,135.93	5,000.00
King's County Lighting Co.	6	Jan. 1954	5.99	1,081.46	1,000.00
" " " "	6	" "	6.00	3,244.36	3,000.00
" " " "	6	" "	5.96	1,081.46	1,000.00

Lake Superior District Power Co.	3½	Oct. 1966	3.28	4,242.80	4,000.00
Metropolitan Edison Co.	4	May 1965	3.75	5,280.56	5,000.00
New York State Electric & Gas Corp.	3 3/4	May 1964	3.55	5,247.71	5.000.00
Northern Indiana Public Service Co.	3 1/8	Feb. 1973	3.03	$ 4,113.56	$ 4,000.00
Ohio Public Service Co.	4	Aug. 1962	3.73	5,374.85	5,000.00
Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.	3⅛	Aug. 1969	3.20	3,249.73	3,000.00
" " " "	3½	" "	3.24	2,166.49	2,000.00
Providence Gas Co.	4	Feb. 1963	3.75	5,295.60	5,000.00
Toledo Edison Co.	3⅛	July 1968	3.23	5,395.35	5,000.00
Wisconsin Power & Light Co.	3⅛	Aug. 1971	3.04	2,129.19	2,000.00
" " " "	3¼	" "	3.04	3,193.79	3,000.00
Wisconsin Public Service Corp.	3¼	Jan. 1971	3.07	5,277.86	5,000.00
Total Public Utilities				$ 76,304.37	$ 72,000.00
U. S. Government Savings-Series G	2½	July 1955	2.50	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00
Total Governments				$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00
Total Bonds				$141,446.78	$135,500.00

SCHEDULE OF STOCKS-DECEMBER 31, 1943

	No. of Shares	Market Value	Actual Cost
First National Bank of Boston	30	$ 1,470.00	$1,361.25
National Shawmut Bank of Boston	60	1,500.00	1,365.00
Newton Trust Co.	35	1,330.00	1,347.50
Total Stocks		$ 4,300.00	$4,073.75

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP FOR DECEMBER 31, 1943
ACTIVE MEMBERS

	Members Eligible for Prior Service Credit			Members not Eligible for Prior Service Credit			
	Group I		Group II	Group I		Group II	
	Male	Female	Male	Male	Female	Male	Total Membership
Membership, December 31, 1942	70	24	5	54	14	33	200
Enrolled during 1943	—	1	—	4	8	2	15
Total	70	25	5	58	22	35	215
Withdrawals and Transfers	1	3		9	7	1	21
Retirements for:							
Superannuation	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Total deductions	1	4	—	9	7	1	22
Membership, December 31, 1943	69	21	5	49	15	34	193

PENSIONERS

Membership, December 31, 1942	19	1	3				23
Retirements for:							
Superannuation	—	1	—				1
Total	19	2	3				24
Deaths	3						3
Total deductions	3	—	—				3
Membership, December 31, 1943	16	2	3	—	—	—	21
Total Membership including beneficiaries, Dec.31,1943	85	23	8	49	15	34	214

SUMMARY OF NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND ANNUAL SALARIES OF ACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1943

	Number	Full Annual Salaries
Members eligible for prior service credit:		
Group I - Male	69	$118,897.14
Female	21	32,428.87
Group II	5	1,633.00
Members not eligible for prior service credit:		
Group I - Male	49	69,313.56
Female	15	15,143.99
Group II	34	53,133.00
Total Active Membership Dec.31,1943	193	$290,549.56

TABLE I

School Year	School Census	No. of different pupils enrolled in elementary schools exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of different pupils enrolled in High School exclusive of re-enrollment	Average membership in elementary schools	Average membership in High School	Average attendance in elementary schools	Average attendance in High School	No. of graduates from High School	No. of graduates from Grammar schools
1923-24	3,244	2,548	790	2,423.27	803.62	2,292.52	774.46	136	239
1924-25	3,657	2,564	888	2,497.10	831.69	2,345.91	798.18	167	228
1925-26	3,700	2,645	911	2,528.00	870.46	2,356.61	841.42	177	222
1926-27	3,685	2,708	945	2,609.63	915.44	2,494.89	892.57	169	230
1927-28		2,771	1,023	2,709.62	978.06	2,562.24	943.52	183	299
1928-29		2,854	1,087	2,789.19	1,065.85	2,611.80	1,009.23	218	240
1929-30		2,970	1,116	2,877.79	1,076.33	2,714.84	1,028.85	192	251
1930-31		3,005	1,136	2,941.75	1,130.88	2,788.58	1,080.71	225	274
1931-32		3,002	1,223	2,917.76	1,206.61	2,754.75	1,150.69	249	282
1932-33		3,025	1,327	2,916.32	1,257.65	2,753.65	1,195.28	245	261
1933-34		2,990	1,359	2,894.60	1,289.62	2,727.04	1,231.48	267	286
1934-35		2,984	1,377	2,923.17	1,343.75	2,760.98	1,272.90	283	295
1935-36		2,897	1,426	2,831.15	1,371.61	2,698.33	1,311.57	285	298
1936-37		2,935	1,423	2,872.31	1,371.29	2,715.12	1,313.28	271	325
1937-38		2,923	1,438	2,827.05	1,424.60	2,678.43	1,359.30	324	308
1938-39		2,743	1,522	2,697.30	1,468.37	2,567.96	1,375.61	318	259
1939-40		2,785	1,453	2,732.18	1,429.19	2,612.83	1,363.96	331	286
1940-41		2,702	1,414	2,675.99	1,379.13	2,539.31	1,311.52	302	296
1941-42		2,695	1,392	2,610.29	1,365.20	2,464.33	1,290.64	332	320
1942-43		2,648	1,308	2,569.75	1,249.51	2,371.82	1,168.83	265	335

TABLE II

PERCENTAGE OF PUPILS BELONGING JUNE 1943 WHO FAILED OF PROMOTION

Schools	GRADES 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Average Percent Failed
Coolidge	17.14	16.00	4.76	4.00	14.29	15.00	13.17	3.35	10.96
Franklin			8.16	6.56	2.99	4.11			5.46
Gooch	19.23	0.00	10.00	4.54	0.00	12.00			7.63
Lincoln	8.33	6.12	2.63	5.00	7.41	5.77	13.95	5.40	6.83
Ripley	14.29	0.00	13.04	20.00	15.00	11.76			12.35
Roosevelt					5.26	0.00	15.45	1.12	5.46
Warren	8.33	16.00	9.68	0.00					8.50
Washington	10.71	3.57	7.14	7.14	8.33	9.68			7.76
Whittier	6.17	9.09							7.63
Winthrop	11.84	3.45	6.58	4.41	13.11	10.96			8.39
Total Average	12.01	6.78	7.75	6.46	8.30	8.66	14.19	3.29	8.10

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PERCENTAGE OF PUPILS BELONGING JUNE 1943 WHO WERE CONDITIONED

Schools	GRADES 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Average Percent Conditioned
Coolidge	5.71	0.00	4.76	8.00	3.57	17.50	14.97	15.08	8.70
Franklin			6.12	0.00	0.00	16.44			5.64
Gooch	3.85	8.00	5.00	9.09	3.57	16.00			7.59
Lincoln	12.50	2.04	5.26	0.00	7.41	15.38	20.93	20.27	10.47
Ripley	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.67	5.00	23.53			5.87
Roosevelt					10.52	11.43	16.27	10.11	12.08
Warren	0.00	0.00	9.68	9.52					4.80
Washington	3.57	3.57	0.00	14.28	4.16	16.12			6.95
Whittier	4.93	3.03							3.98
Winthrop	1.32	1.72	6.58	5.88	9.84	13.70			6.51
Total Average	3.99	2.30	4.68	6.68	5.51	16.26	17.39	15.15	7.26

TABLE III

PERCENTAGE OF PUPILS WHO FAILED OF PROMOTION

1939 - 1943

GRADES	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	Total Average Percent Failed
I	6.14	7.80	7.86	7.89	12.01	8.34
II	2.11	6.72	7.03	7.10	6.78	5.95
III	5.86	4.14	8.72	4.94	7.75	6.28
IV	4.66	6.52	7.21	4.83	6.46	5.94
V	5.66	4.04	3.80	5.99	8.30	5.56
VI	3.50	3.92	5.05	5.78	8.66	5.38
VII	8.88	11.99	10.25	13.72	14.19	11.81
VIII	7.04	5.56	1.88	7.79	3.29	5.11
Total Average	5.48	6.34	6.16	7.02	8.10	6.62

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PERCENTAGE OF PUPILS WHO WERE CONDITIONED

1939 - 1943

GRADES	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	Total Average Percent Conditioned
I	4.23	4.30	1.59	5.80	3.99	4.98
II	1.29	2.45	4.49	4.89	2.30	3.08
III	7.10	4.92	5.48	7.78	4.68	5.99
IV	7.72	6.08	5.93	9.56	6.68	7.19
V	2.86	5.15	4.47	7.40	5.51	5.08
VI	18.74	9.31	13.87	12.46	16.26	14.13
VII	13.35	13.85	14.23	16.34	17.39	15.03
VIII	11.94	19.02	11.81	17.43	15.15	15.07
Total Average	8.40	8.15	6.82	8.66	8.00	8.00

TABLE IV

SHOWING TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY AGES AND GRADES AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1943

Age	Spec.	GRADES 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
5 yrs. old (5 to 6)		100												100
6 yrs. old (6 to 7)		179	121											300
7 yrs. old		18	174	69	1									262
8 yrs. old	2	3	24	166	113									308
9 yrs. old	2		4	38	128	83								255
10 yrs. old	1			6	31	155	88							281
11 yrs. old	2			1	9	31	150	105						298
12 yrs. old	7					13	42	183	88					333
13 yrs. old	6					1	26	44	169	88	1			335
14 yrs. old	3						1	22	52	182	70	2		332
15 yrs. old	9						0	8	20	68	182	83	4	374
16 yrs. old	1						1		1	23	51	164	89	330
17 yrs. old									1	4	8	31	162	206
18 yrs. old											1	6	24	31
19 yrs. old												1		1
Total	33	300	323	280	282	283	308	362	331	365	313	287	279	3746

TABLE V

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JANUARY 1, 1943 to JANUARY 1, 1944

	Asked for by School Committee	Approp. by Board of Aldermen	Plus or Minus Credits & Transfers	Net Appropriations	Expenditures	Balances
1. SALARIES	$343,392.14	$340,000.00	$ 1,260.54	$341,260.54	$341,259.60	$ .94
2. TEXTBOOKS & SUPPLIES	14,000.00	13,000.00	638.00	13,638.00	13,634.19	3.81
3. OTHER GENERAL EXPENSES	2,500.00	2,000.00	75.00	2,075.00	2,074.49	.51
4. PLANT-OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	51,650.00	49,650.00	- 1,665.42	47,984.58	47,983.50	1.08
TOTAL	$411,542.14	$404,650.00	$ 308.12	$404,958.12	$404,951.78	$ 6.34
			SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS			
High School Lot Filling	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	--	$ 2,000.00	$ 416.20	$1583.80
Teachers' Retirement Assn	245.96	245.96	--	245.96	245.96	0.00
Cost of Living Increase	29,000.00	29,000.00	--	29,000.00	27,627.03	1372.97
Carried over from 1942 Franklin School Boiler	2,555.00	2,555.00	--	2,555.00	2,555.00	0.00
TOTAL	$ 33,800.96	$ 33,800.96	$ 308.12	$ 33,800.96	$ 30,844.19	$2956.77
GRAND TOTAL	$438,543.10	$438,450.96	$ 308.12	$438,759.08	$435,793.39	$2963.11

TABLE VI

DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES BY SCHOOLS, FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1943

Schools	General Control	Other Expenses	Teachers & Principals	Text-books	Supplies	Janitors' Services	Janitors' Supplies	Fuel
High		$ 310.08	$119758.54	$2853.26	$3188.55	$ 7791.18	$ 340.33	$ 5081.82
Coolidge		21.79	36199.07	620.94	1021.57	4439.52	231.92	4018.20
Franklin		3.60	12615.95	171.49	332.79	1703.57	112.91	1451.74
Gooch		0.00	10282.42	216.16	183.95	1542.86	67.42	996.74
Lincoln		19.71	36443.39	649.15	864.44	2764.26	136.28	2831.15
Ripley		2.47	6359.41	193.45	155.18	1564.29	37.38	892.87
Roosevelt		15.28	22680.26	595.17	601.60	1916.19	42.41	1581.52
Warren		0.00	7047.50	249.00	133.82	1564.29	18.46	739.05
Washington		0.00	9667.57	92.74	220.40	1772.86	85.96	1359.59
Whittier		0.00	6829.92	100.77	202.55	1797.86	25.44	574.83
Winthrop		3.98	23170.41	412.88	574.33	1958.10	165.53	1565.54
All		213.05	12487.11			303.05		1514.76
Tuition								
Transportation								
Gen. Control	$10084.55							
Total	$10084.55	$ 589.96	$303541.55	$6155.01	$7479.18	$29118.03	$1264.04	$22607.81

Schools	Water	Light & Power	General Repairs	Furniture Furnishings	Tuition	Transportation	TOTAL
High	$ 221.25	$2560.58	$ 3841.66				$145947.25
Coolidge	121.35	1381.30	4984.21				53039.87
Franklin	56.12	96.91	462.06				17007.14
Gooch	13.66	185.27	319.09				13807.57
Lincoln	91.04	757.55	1020.95				45577.92
Ripley	36.08	161.00	349.41				9751.54
Roosevelt	35.06	436.50	532.98				28436.97
Warren	62.90	47.86	1080.79				10943.67
Washington	49.38	362.55	1271.26				14882.31
Whittier	8.91	32.80	267.00				9840.08
Winthrop	63.80	270.83	1266.02				29451.42
All							14517.97
Tuition					$1117.52		1117.52
Transportation						$ 546.00	546.00
Gen. Control							10084.55
Total	$ 759.55	$6293.15	$15395.43		$1117.52	$ 546.00	$404951.78

TABLE VII

COST PER PUPIL AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP, FISCAL YEAR 1943

	High	Elementary
General Control	$ 3,327.90	$ 6,756.65
General Control, per pupil	2.71	2.71
Teachers' Salaries	119,758.54	183,783.01
Teachers' Salaries, per pupil	97.35	73.68
Textbooks	2,853.26	3,301.75
Textbooks, per pupil	2.32	1.32
Supplies	3,188.55	4,290.63
Supplies, per pupil	2.59	1.72
Operation of School Plant	15,995.16	44,047.42
Operation of School Plant, per pupil	13.00	17.67
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds (excluding Special Appropriations)	3,841.66	11,553.77
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds, per pupil	3.12	4.63
Other Expenses	310.08	279.88
Other Expenses, per pupil	.25	.11
Tuition - Vocational and Evening Schools	$1,117.52	
Transportation	546.00	

TABLE VIII

SHOWING ENROLLMENT, ATTENDANCE, ETC., FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1943

1. By Schools

School	No. of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
High	1308	626	682	1249.51	1168.83	93.86
Coolidge	561	273	288	536.35	499.95	93.33
Franklin	260	135	125	253.15	236.76	93.88
Gooch	150	80	70	145.78	134.65	92.28
Lincoln	458	226	232	449.32	415.90	92.31
Ripley	100	45	55	102.79	96.81	94.01
Roosevelt	251	128	123	247.33	234.02	94.67
Warren	103	50	53	96.60	86.37	88.43
Washington	167	90	77	166.03	152.13	91.67
Whittier	150	78	72	144.26	126.83	88.00
Winthrop	448	227	221	428.14	388.40	90.95
Total	3956	1958	1998	3819.26	3540.65	92.13

2. By Grades

Grade	No. of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
Post Graduate	4	0	4	4.0	3.81	95.33
Senior	276	120	156	262.40	244.86	93.25
Junior	328	161	167	307.80	287.26	93.30
Sophomore	344	161	183	328.92	305.54	92.89
Freshman	356	184	172	346.39	327.36	94.51
Eighth	355	177	178	346.29	325.88	94.19
Seventh	373	185	188	363.09	339.83	93.54
Sixth	357	168	189	345.74	324.61	94.00
Fifth	313	152	161	303.84	281.71	93.12
Fourth	296	155	141	280.34	259.94	92.99
Third	283	140	143	283.84	260.18	91.80
Second	298	159	139	284.56	257.12	90.44
First	343	176	167	332.34	295.51	88.87
Special	30	20	10	29.71	27.04	90.93
Total	3956	1958	1998	3819.26	3540.65	92.13

TABLE IX

Number of Teachers in Different Departments

JANUARY 1, 1944

Elementary

Number full-time women teachers, excluding non-teaching principals	90	
Number full-time men	6	
Number non-teaching principals—women	4	
Number non-teaching principals—men	0	
Number special teachers and supervisors—women	5	
Number part-time teachers—women	3	
		— 108

High

Number full-time teachers—women	26	
Number full-time teachers (excluding principal) men	22	
Number full-time principals	1	
Number part-time teachers—women	1	
Number part-time teachers—men	1	
Number medical advisors	1	
		— 52
		160

TABLE X

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE OFFICER

September, 1942 to June 1943

Number of cases investigated	140
Number found to be truants or absentees	69
Number of complaints in court	4
Number placed on probation by court	3
Number sentenced to training school	1
Number found working without certificates	9
Number of visits to schools	83
Number of visits to homes	125

TABLE XI

Average Age of Pupils in the Different Grades—October 1, 1943

Primary:	
Grade 1	6 years 4 months
Grade 2	7 years 2 months
Grade 3	8 years 4 months
Grade 4	9 years 3 months

Grammar:

Grade 5	10 years 5 months
Grade 6	11 years 7 months
Grade 7	12 years 5 months
Grade 8	13 years 4 months

High:

Freshman	14 years 6 months
Sophomore	15 years 0 months
Junior	16 years 4 months
Senior	17 years 0 months

TABLE XII

Number of Children Enrolled in After-School Classes
November 1, 1943

Piano	66
Guitar	14
Band—Advanced	40
Band—Elementary	31
Art	39

INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL BUILDINGS
MELROSE, MASSACHUSETTS

Name	When Built
Whittier	1884
Gooch	1886
Livermore	1891
Warren	1892
Franklin	1896
Lincoln (original building)	1896
Lincoln (addition)	1930
Washington (original building)	1896
Washington (addition)	1924
Coolidge (original building)	1897
Coolidge (addition)	1908
Coolidge Gymnasium	1936
Roosevelt	1924
Ripley (original building)	1924
Ripley (addition)	1930
Winthrop	1926
High	1933

ESTIMATED VALUE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

January 1, 1943

School	Bldgs.	Land	Furnishings
High	$ 712,500	$ 17,800	$ 50,000
Coolidge	350,000	58,000	26,800
Lincoln	260,000	9,000	20,000
Winthrop	190,000	3,000	14,000
Roosevelt	177,000	2,000	15,000
Washington	137,000	5,000	7,500
Ripley	84,000	4,000	3,500
Franklin	86,261	10,000	4,872
Gooch	67,880	4,500	4,750
Livermore	50,000	6,600	1,500
Warren	25,119	3,000	2,500
Whittier	24,863	3,000	2,500
	$2,164,623	$125,900	$152,922
Washington Playground	$5,000		
Hesseltine School Lot	8,000		

RESULTS OF HEARING TESTS WITH AUDIOMETER

September, 1943

Number of pupils tested	1810
Number of pupils on first test showing a hearing loss of 9 or more sensation units in one or both ears	159
Number of pupils retested	159
Number of pupils on retest showing a hearing loss of more than 9 sensation units in one or both ears	31
Per cent of pupils tested showing hearing defects	1.7%
Number of parents notified	31
Number of parents included in above who were notified last year	8

REPORT OF MELROSE LIONS CLUB EYE CLINIC

July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943

187 Examinations and office visits were made.
44 Pairs of new glasses were provided.
26 Repairs to glasses were made.

DENTAL REPORT OF HEALTH TEACHER

November 1, 1942 - June 30, 1943

Number of individual inspections	5,067
Number of home calls	4
Number of pupils rechecked for toothbrush habit	45
Number of prophylactic treatments	231

NUMBER OF EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED

		Calendar Year 1942		Calendar Year 1943	
Age 16 to 21	Boys	628	Boys	545	
	Girls	421	Girls	632	
	Total	1049	Total	1177	
Age 14 to 16 (for work outside of school hours)	Boys	53	Boys	150	
	Girls	7	Girls	39	
	Total	60	Total	189	
Age 14 to 16 (full time employment)	Boys	7	Boys	17	
	Girls	0	Girls	5	
	Total	7	Total	22	

INFORMATION REGARDING THE MELROSE POSTURE CLINICS

October 1942 - May 1943

Number given superficial examination	1499
Number of pictures taken	345
Number of examinations by Dr. Sullivan	197
Number given special corrective exercises	151
Diagnoses:	
Round shoulders	92
Hollow back	87
Forward head	29
Weak abdominal muscles	106
Lateral spinal curves	20
Weak feet	36
Fatigue	10
Underweight	22
Conferences with mothers	26
Number children continued from last year	27
Number children from last year sufficiently improved to be eliminated	140

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population of Melrose (1943)	26,606
Number of different pupils enrolled, exclusive of re-enrollment school year 1942-43	3,956
Number in High School	1,308
Number in Elementary Schools	2,648
Total approved school bills, - fiscal year 1943 - (Support)	$ 404,951.78
Total approved school bills, - fiscal year 1943 - (Special Appropriations)	2,971.20
Amount expended for High School, - fiscal year 1943 (exclusive of General Control)	146,772.95
Cost per pupil in High School, based upon average membership Jan. 1, 1943 to Jan. 1, 1944 (1230)	119.32
Amount expended for Elementary Schools, fiscal year 1943 (exclusive of General Control)	251,065.48
Cost per pupil in Elementary Schools, based upon average membership Jan. 1, 1943 to Jan. 1, 1944 (2494)	100.66
Amount expended for tuition (Middlesex Co. Tr. School)	116.00
Amount expended for tuition (vocational schools)	1,001.52
Number of School Nurses, January 1, 1944	2
Number of Full Time Special Teachers and Supervisors, January 1, 1944	5
Number of Part Time Special Teachers and Supervisors, January 1, 1944	4
Number of Full Time High School Teachers, including principal, January 1, 1944	49
Number of Part Time High School Teachers, January 1, 1944	2*
Number of Full Time Elementary Teachers, including principals, January 1, 1944	100
Number of Part Time Elementary Teachers, January 1, 1944	3
Number of pupils enrolled per full time teacher in High School, excluding principal, January 1, 1944	26
Number of pupils enrolled per full time teacher in Elementary Schools, excluding non-teaching principals, January 1, 1944	26

* One also serves in grades.

MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL HIGH HONOR LIST

(All A Averages for Four Years)

Robert Congdon Miller

HONOR LIST

(All A and B Averages for Four Years)

Louise Belcher
William E. Dawson
M. Jacquelyn Ebert
Marjorie Louise Harvey
Lucy Ann Hermann
Janet Edna Robertson
Eugene Elliot Woodward
Robert S. Toperzer

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

(Neither Absent Nor Tardy For Four Years)

Genevieve M. Callahan
Louise Dorothy Cox
William E. Dawson
Robert M. Eaton

PRIZES AWARDED JUNE 1943

Levi Gould Medal

Robert C. Miller

The Washington and Franklin Certificate — John F. Cogan
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Gold Medal — Eugene E. Woodward
Massachusetts Daughters of the American Revolution Certificate — Marion E. Wakefield
Melrose Highlands Woman's Club Award — Marjorie L. Harvey
Ruth Ansell Morrison Scholarship — Frances R. Tibbetts
Ruth Pauline Nixon Award — Dorothy I. Hopkins
Nuntius Prize — Lucy Ann Hermann
Margaret Bakeman Wing Musical Award — Charlotte Mitchell
Phi Theta Chi Scholarship — Louise Belcher
Masque and Wig Dramatic Club Scholarship — Elaine K. Chapleau
Melrose Teachers' Club Scholarship — Doris H. Pierce
Melrose High School Parent-Teachers Association Scholarships
Robert C. Miller — Arline M. Kiessling
Eugene E. Woodward — Ruth H. Kelley

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

ANNUAL REPORT For 1943

Weighing and Measuring Devices

	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Scales	5	239	2	1
Weights		294		
Volumetric		106		
Automatic Liquid-Measuring Devices	6	112	9	
Linear Measures		26		
Total, Weighing and Measuring Devices	11	777	11	1

Trial Weighing and Measuring of Commodities Sold or Put up for sale	176
Inspections of cartons, licenses, coal certificates, milk and cream jars, fuel oil meters, markings of bread, cake, egg packages, food packages, coal in paper bags, clinical thermometers, pedler's scales, junk scales, etc. etc.	409

Cost of Department		Receipts of Department	
Salary	$1,200.00	Fees, Sealing	$ 98.08
Other Expenses	150.00	Licenses	20.00
Total	$1,350.00	Total	$118.08

Equipment, in quantity and value, approximately as at end of 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

Wesley H. Murray

Wesley H. Murray
Sealer

REPORT OF SOLDIERS' RELIEF DEPARTMENT

To His Honor Mayor Carl A.Raymond,
and the Honorable Board of Alderman,
Melrose,Massachusetts.

Gentlemen;
I herewith submit the following report of the Department of Soldiers' Benefits for the year 1943.

General Administration

Salary and Wages		$1,000.00
Expended	$1,000.00	
	$1,000.00	1,000.00

Other Expenses

Appropriation		350.00
Expended	332.38	
Balance	17.62	
	350.00	350.00

State Aid
(Refunded in full by the State)

Appropriation		2000.00
Transfer		2000.00
Refunds		325.00
Expended	2,535.95	
Balance	1,789.05	
	4,325.00	4,325.00

Military Aid
(One half refunded by the State)

Appropriation		1,000.00
Refunds		35.00
Expended	712.00	
Balance	323.00	
	1,035.00	1,035.00

Soldiers' Burial

Appropriation		200.00
Balance	200.00	
	200.00	200.00

Soldiers' Relief

Appropriation		20.000.00
Cash Refunds		65.00
Expended Treas.Pay Roll	8371.00	
Bills	3859.88	
Tranfer Orders	2000.00	
Balance	5834.12	
	20,065.00	20.065.00

Itemized Soldiers' Relief Expenditures

Cash	$8,371.00
Groceries	382.26
Fuel	1,206.75
Nurses,Doctors and Hospitals	506.90
Milk	115.04
Medicine	66.00
Clothing and Shoes	207.74
Rents,Board and Room	1,331.93
Miscellaneous	43.26
	$12,230.88

Respectfully submitted,

H. Leslie Tuttle Agent

REPORT OF WIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the annual report of the Wire Department for the year ending December 31, 1943.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Nine hundred and fifty-two inspections of box movements were made.
One new pedestal was installed.
Sixteen miles of weatherproof iron wire were pulled in.
Two hundred and three cross arms were replaced.
One hundred and ten feet of tree molding were installed.
All boxes were painted one coat of fire alarm red.

POLICE SIGNAL BOXES

Twelve miles of iron and six miles of copper wire were pulled in.
Four hundred and six batteries were installed at Police Headquarters.
One hundred and ten batteries were replaced in police boxes.
One hundred and three cross arms were installed.
Twelve hundred and twenty inspections of box movements were made.
Twenty seven lamps were replaced in red lights.
All boxes and pedestals were painted.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Two new traffic control boxes were installed to replace worn out movements.
One hundred and fifty lamps were replaced.
One hundred and twenty one inspections were made on controls.
All controls and lights were painted.

INSPECTION OF WIRES

Twenty-five inspections were made on oil burners.
Two hundred and nine inspections on sealed meters.
Seventy-six inspections on defects.
Seven hundred and sixteen inspections on new work, repairs, alterations and additional wiring.
Forty-six permits were issued to the Malden Electric Co. allowing current to be turned on.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred G. Edwards

Inspector of Wires.

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